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Students protest Bill 115 at Queen's Park on Thursday. Hundreds of students gathered to voice their concerns about the ongoing labour strife in the province's schools. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Can we send politicians to detention, too?

Local students try to balance the budget by practising 'flip debates,' and they think our elected officials should give their method a try **PAGE 4**

All he wanted was a lousy letter or a call

Dana Martin, serving two life sentences in New Mexico for killing a 15-year-old girl, told police he hatched the plot to murder Justin Bieber after the singer never returned his messages **PAGE 6**



We're the victims, students say

Dispute. Teachers and Liberal government still going at it over collective agreement, strike law

Hundreds of students gathered Thursday outside the Ontario legislature to voice their concerns about the ongoing labour

strife in the province's schools.

Many of the students say they're not taking anyone's side in the dispute between unions and the governing Liberals — they just want their extracurricular activities back.

"I think they're both right in different ways," said Eric Synowicki, 13. "The unions should get the teachers to do more, but the government should kind of

change the law a little bit."

The Grade 8 student said he can't play hockey anymore or help younger students with their schoolwork through a program run by teachers at his school.

Public high school teachers have withdrawn from voluntary activities like coaching, as well as unpaid administrative duties.

Premier Dalton McGuinty has said his government won't intervene in one-day strikes, so long as the union fulfils its promise to provide 72-hours notice to parents.

But the students say their education is suffering while the standoff continues.

"Without extra help after school or before school, students' marks may drop," said

Daniel Gignac, 16. "And they may start to fail some courses."

Other students say they're being deprived of their right to an uninterrupted academic year and urged the government to find a solution.

"We are upset that we have been a victim of politics," said Kourosh Houshmand, 17, a student trustee at the TDSB.

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Tuesday's walkout

- Toronto District School Board said its elementary teachers from more than 400 schools — and who have also withdrawn from volunteer activities — will be staging a one-day walkout on Tuesday.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE IN TODAY'S METRO



Tories want 'costly' Presto scrapped

Metrolinx. Frank Klees says the Presto transit card system, criticized for rising costs in an auditor general's report, is taking taxpayers for a ride

The provincial auditor's report is further proof the ballooning multi-million-dollar Metrolinx Presto smart card system should be scrapped immediately, Tory critic Frank Klees says.

"The auditor once again has shed light on gross mismanagement by this government and its agency Metro-

linx," said Klees in response to Auditor General Jim McCarter's report that urged greater controls over the project and predicted its costs could exceed \$700 million.

McCarter described it as one of the more expensive fare card systems in the world.

"We say put a stop to this now. With every day that passes, more money is being wasted and the bureaucracy at Metrolinx keeps expanding," Klees said, adding that he had a message for Metrolinx chair Rob Prichard: "You have a responsibility to ensure efficiency in this organization that you have been entrusted to oversee and we cannot accept that you would simply

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"Presto is one more costly example of mismanagement and waste of taxpayers' dollars in this province."

Tory critic Frank Klees

defend what is indefensible."

The Tories have been warning the government for two years now, Klees said, that something about the introduction of electronic fare card system stinks.

"This does not pass the smell test," he said.

Klees chided the government decision to enter into a

\$250-million agreement with Accenture to develop the Presto card system instead of looking to similar off-the-shelf systems already available.

NDP MPP Rosario Marchese said breaking the contract with Accenture would be expensive and suggested instead fixing the system rather following Klees' advice.

"We can't simply say what has happened is completely bad, wrong (and) we have to start from scratch. I think there would be tremendous costs to the government in addition to what we have already paid if we were to simply end a contract. The idea is to fix it the best we can," he said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

'Emergency' status

Ford's office kept in the dark on Gardiner

When a third chunk of concrete plummeted off the Gardiner Expressway this spring, making it apparent something was seriously wrong with the elevated highway, Mayor Rob Ford's office ordered an emergency meeting with top city staff and offered a blank cheque to get the situation under control.

Hundreds of documents obtained by Torstar News Service through freedom-of-information legislation offer a window into the panic that was unfolding at city hall during the early days of the crisis in May.

Emails show that while engineers and chipping crews were frantically working to identify and remove loose pieces deemed to be in "emergency" status, communications staff was distributing "key messages" designed to convince the public the nearly 60-year-old Gardiner Expressway was safe.

Amid accusations that city staff deliberately misled the public about the gravity of the situation, questions have been raised about how much the mayor's office knew — especially after it was revealed that a member of Ford's staff ordered a city spokesperson to craft talking points touting the highway's safety.

Public works chair Denzil Minnan-Wong says that, based on what they were being told, he and the mayor's office had every reason to believe the expressway was safe. Documents released to the Toronto Star support his claim. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Rob Ford
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Fire station takes fire truck fight to the street

The city is trying to have a sign outside fire station 215 — which reads, "Firetruck A215 out of service permanently January 2013. Contact Mayor Ford" — taken down as soon as possible. The sign refers to part of a cost-saving plan that includes taking five fire trucks out of service permanently and deleting 104 vacant positions. **ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Students have some sage advice for feuding politicians

Civix. Teens suggest members of legislature practise 'flip debates' to gain full merit of bills



JESSICA SMITH
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Imagine a question period where politicians took turns arguing the merits of each other's positions, just to make sure they fully understood both sides of an issue before casting a vote.

Would they change their minds?

It's a novel idea from a couple of students who are learning how government works and how a federal budget is constructed with a new program from Civix, a charity that aims to help young Canadians to participate in democracy.

After reading news articles and hearing politicians and journalists talk on video about budget issues, the students at schools across Canada will complete a survey on their budget priorities.

In an introductory video (www.civix.ca/sbc/), Finance Minister Jim Flaherty tells the students he'll consider the

results, even though he can't guarantee he'll share their views.

Hannah Carmichael, 14, and Jack Mozas, 15, Grade 10 students at Greenwood College School, agree on their No. 1 priority (and Flaherty might agree more than he expects).

"Get rid of the deficit," said Carmichael.

"Yeah, so you don't have all that interest," said Mozas.

Their group focused on debt and discussed different ways of dealing with it.

"Initially, I thought, OK, just raise taxes. But if you raise taxes, people aren't able to put money back into the economy," said Carmichael.

"But then, the upside is revenue is greater than what they're spending. So, yeah, it's complicated."

Neither have a surefire plan for eliminating the deficit and neither know how they'd vote if they could. However, both are sure they will vote when they're able and learn everything they can to make sure they know all sides of the issues before they do.

That's something they wish all politicians would improve on.

Their teacher Leslie McBeth took their class to the Ontario legislature, but because it was closed they saw



Jack Mozas and Hannah Carmichael share a laugh at the entrance to Greenwood College School on Thursday. Both Grade 10 students want to see the federal government reduce the deficit and compromise more often with other parties. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

a video of MPPs debating, instead of the real thing.

"It was pretty interesting, considering how they argued, that they actually get anything done, because they're just throwing arguments back and forth at each other," said Mozas.

In class, the students prac-

tise "flip debates," where they debate both sides of the same issue, which sometimes changes their mind. They suggested politicians give it a try.

"I want to see compromise," said Carmichael.

"Yeah," agreed Mozas. "Then everyone's winning."

"People still voted for

those opposing parties, it's not like the whole country voted for whoever won," Carmichael said. "If they do take a few ideas from the other parties, you have a greater democracy."

To check out the Student Budget Consultation program, go to civix.ca/sbc.

Federal budget

Videos on website an effective resource: Teacher

Toronto District Christian High School Teacher Ben Freeman said his students are enjoying studying the federal budget — which is amazing considering learning it out of a textbook alone would probably put them to sleep.

He has asked a group of students to watch the video on the Student Budget Consultation website, civix.ca/sbc, and then teach the issues to their fellow classmates.

"What stands out for me is the consultation piece, which asks for their opinion," Freeman said. "This isn't just learn a bunch of facts about the budget, memorize some numbers and send it back on a test, they have to think about, what is more important to me?"

Grabbing a unique trade by the horns ... and skulls



Ben Lovatt sells animal skulls and fossils from his Danforth house, including this 15,000-year-old bison skull from Nebraska. He runs an online business called Prehistoria. ca. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ben Lovatt's home is bursting with life and death. There is Merlin, the free-roaming yellow canary, perched on top of the tortoise tank, moving his little feet back and forth. Near the window, a relaxed iguana closes her eyes in apparent glee as Lovatt pats her leathery exterior. In the back of the room, things get a little more historical. These animals aren't animated at all — they are skulls.

For the last four months, the 25-year-old animal lover has been selling skulls of deceased creatures from his home near Victoria Park Avenue. He says the skulls are sustainably and

legally sourced, with proper paperwork, from all over the world and Canada.

Lovatt is an entrepreneur of the natural order. He started a captive-bred animal network eight years ago because he believes it's a better alternative to plucking a wild lizard from a jungle. A few years ago, he started selling fossils — everything from prehistoric dinosaur turd to a 465 million-year-old crustacean. He eventually acquired a 15,000-year-old bison skull.

"I had people saying, 'What if I wanted a modern bison skull?'"

CITES

The trade of animal specimens is strictly regulated. Canada is a party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), "an international agreement between governments with the aim to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does

not threaten their survival in the wild." Environment Canada, by way of the Canadian Wildlife Service, enforces the convention in Canada.

- While some animal skulls can be legally imported, certain species listed under CITES require varying degrees of permits.

So began Lovatt's transition into more contemporary remains, and a life where it's

not unusual to pop into the Shoppers Drug Mart to pick up a polar bear skull at the postal

counter. He set up a website and a Craigslist ad: "I have a wide range of strange artifacts available this holiday season! From woolly mammoth fossils, to amethyst crystals, to animal skulls from around the world."

In the last week, Lovatt has sold a skull every couple of days, to tattoo artists, professors and the generally curious.

The coyote skull is your entry-level osteological ornamentation, sourced from the Arctic, costing about \$50. He also has monkey, polar bear and an articulated raccoon a local artist reassembled from roadkill. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Controversial treatment

Electroshock therapy used in record numbers

Electroshock — a brute force assault on the brain deemed the most controversial treatment in psychiatry — is being administered across Ontario in record numbers and with scant

oversight.

In the fiscal year 2010-2011, the most recent year for which statistics are available, 16,259 electroconvulsive therapy — or ECT — treatments were administered throughout Ontario, an increase of more than 350 per cent in seven years. A 1,300 per cent treatment increase was seen for patients in the 55-59 age cohort. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

12-12-12 nuptials

Alomar weds in lavish ceremony

Roberto Alomar and Kim Perks were the centre of attention in a fantasy-like setting at their wedding in Toronto Wednesday.

It took place at the Art Gallery of Ontario and included 230 guests, a choir, and an acrobat spinning



Roberto Alomar and Kim Perks
HANDOUT

above. Many at the event remarked it was a wedding to top all weddings. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

33 charges

Hit-and-run suspect arrested

Toronto police have arrested a suspect in an alleged hit-and-run last Friday in the busy intersection of Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue.

Police had been pursuing a suspect in a stolen car when the driver mounted

the sidewalk, striking three pedestrians and sending one to hospital with minor injuries.

A 47-year-old man was arrested at about 3 a.m. today in the city's north end (near Sheppard and Bathurst) after police received a tip he was in the area.

Steven Brunswick faces 33 charges, including attempted murder.

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Alleged plot to kill Bieber foiled at Canadian border

Wrong turn. Police say alleged would-be assassins arrived at the border by mistake, were arrested, then betrayed

A plot to kill Justin Bieber, allegedly masterminded by a 45-year-old prisoner obsessed with the young star, was derailed when the accused would-be assassins accidentally ended up at the Canadian border, according to court documents.

Dana Martin, serving two life sentences in a New Mexico prison for the killing of a 15-year-old girl, told police he had hatched the scheme after Bieber never returned messages he sent to the singer.

Police recounted in an affidavit that Martin, who has a tattoo of Bieber on his leg, told them the perceived slight was part of what led him to dream up the alleged murder plot.

"In the end, what Mr. Martin stated he was seeking was

a measure of notoriety," police wrote in the affidavit.

Bieber was not the only target in the alleged conspiracy — police allege two men Martin hired were also told to kill Bieber's bodyguard and two people unconnected to the star.

The men Martin allegedly had carrying out his plot were to use pruning shears to cut off the testicles of the first two victims in Vermont and kill them, then travel to New York, kill the bodyguard and abduct and kill Bieber, Martin told police.

There are no details in the affidavit of how the men, a recently released ex-con and his nephew, were to carry out the murder of one of the biggest stars in the world.

But Martin said he drew Mark Staake, 41, into his plot when they met in prison this year by telling Staake that he had access to money, a hide-out and had gang connections in New York.

Staake brought his 23-year-old nephew, Tanner Ruane,



Dana Martin. LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mark Staake. VERMONT STATE POLICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tanner Ruane. NEW YORK STATE POLICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

into the scheme, Martin told investigators.

Staake was released on probation at the end of October and started to track Bieber's whereabouts, Martin said. The murder was to take place in New York at the end of November, according to the affidavit, when Bieber was in the city for a concert.

The uncle and nephew team arrived in Vermont on Nov. 19 but realized on the highway they were headed to the Canadian border, according to the affidavit. They missed the last exit before the border and turned around to join the cars entering the

Highgate Springs, Vt., point of entry, police said.

The U.S. border agent found Staake had an outstanding probation violation warrant from New Mexico, and he was arrested.

Martin and Ruane spoke on the phone later that day, and when Ruane told Martin that Staake had been arrested, Martin called off the plot. In the phone call, which was recorded by authorities, Ruane expressed disappointment at Martin's decision, saying they had found one of the first two victims' homes and had brought a pair of hedge clip-

pers for the castrations.

Martin told his story to police the next morning, and Ruane was arrested with a pair of pruning shears and information on the last-known locations of the first two intended victims stashed in the car, police wrote in the affidavit. New York State Police said Thursday that a "hand-written drawing of a depiction of Justin Bieber" was also found inside the vehicle.

Staake and Ruane were arrested on charges of two counts each of conspiracy to commit murder and two counts each of conspiracy to commit aggravated battery.

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Royal hoax. Details emerge on nurse's death

A nurse was found hanging in her room three days after she had been duped by a hoax call from Australian DJs about the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge, a U.K. inquest was told Thursday. The case is being treated as an apparent suicide.

Coroner's officer Lynda Martindill said nurse Jacintha Saldanha was discovered hanging by a scarf from a wardrobe in her nurses' quarters Friday by a colleague and a member of security staff at London's King Edward VII Hospital.

Police detective chief inspector James Harman said Saldanha, 46, also had injuries to her wrists.

He told the inquest at Westminster Coroner's Court that two notes were found at the scene and another was found among Saldanha's belongings. He said there were no suspicious circumstances involved.

Harman said detectives are investigating what led to her death, and would be contacting police in the Australian state of New South Wales to collect "relevant evidence."

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McAfee back in the U.S. with no money or home

Dual citizen. The software founder says he would be happy to move to England, awaits his girlfriends

Anti-virus-software founder John McAfee said Thursday that U.S. authorities have made no efforts to question him since he arrived in Miami after weeks of evading Belizean authorities who want to ask him about the death of his neighbour.

McAfee was deported from Guatemala after sneaking in illegally from Belize, where police want to question him in connection with the death of a U.S. expatriate who lived near him on an island off Belize's coast.

U.S. officials said there was no active arrest warrant for McAfee that would justify taking him into custody.



John McAfee faces the media upon arriving in Miami on Thursday.
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He said he was put on a plane to Miami where he will stay until his two girlfriends, 20-year-old Belizean Samantha Vanegas and a woman he called "Amy," can join him.

The 67-year-old British

native said he has no money and no home in the U.S. and has been getting by on cash that a Canadian friend sent him until his property manager comes to Miami with his cash and credit cards.

If he's reunited with the women, he said he doesn't know where he'll live or how he'll rebuild his life.

Over the weekend, he said he would be happy to go to England, noting he has dual citizenship.

McAfee bristled as reporters repeatedly asked him why he won't answer questions from officials in Belize, denying he was under investigation.

He stressed that he was afraid to answer questions because dozens of officials there stormed his property, killed his dogs, handcuffed him for hours and tried to extort money.

He has not been charged with a crime.

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High tides in Sunset Beach

A man looks at the overflowed Pacific Coast Highway in the Sunset Beach area of Huntington Beach, Calif., on Thursday. Astronomical high tides have caused minor street flooding in some low-lying areas along the Southern California coast. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auction

Botched-fresco artist goes eBay

The 80-year-old Spanish artist who became famous because of her botched restoration of a Christ fresco in a small-town church is auctioning one of her works on eBay for charity.

Celia Gimenez's oil painting Las Bodegas de Borja (Borja's Wine Cellar) was fetching \$808 US Thursday, doubling its starting price after 31 bids. The sale closes Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vandal case

Man jailed for defacing art

A Polish man who defaced a Mark Rothko painting in London's Tate Modern gallery with black ink to promote an obscure artistic creed was sentenced Thursday to two years in jail.

Wlodzimierz Umaniec, also known as Vladimir Umanets, was arrested after visitors discovered a scrawl across the bottom of Rothko's Black on Maroon on Oct. 7.

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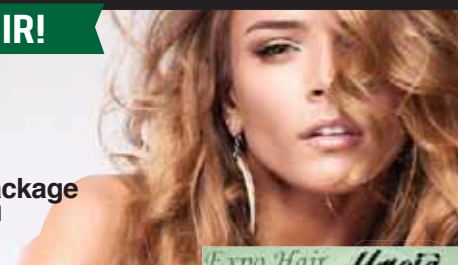


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Over the past several weeks, I have outlined nine of the 10 steps that we are taking to transform and modernize the TTC. We are introducing new vehicles and processes; becoming more transparent, customer-focused and accountable in the way we do business; and we are taking action to develop capable management and motivated, empowered staff.

But I am crystal clear that, above all, we have to get the basics right — all day, every day.

Our service at present is all too often interrupted by infrastructure or vehicle failures, by people not being in the right place at the right time, and by delays both of and outside of our own making. We pride ourselves on a good safety record. While that will continue to be our

prime focus, the quality and consistency of our service is just not good enough, and I have challenged everyone at the TTC to do better.

The evening rush hour a week ago today is a case in point. A series of switch and rolling stock incidents occurred just as the subway service was building to get everyone home, leading to protracted delays and a frustrating journey for thousands of riders. On an older system like ours, problems will occur, but we must reduce the potential for such delays — and get better at dealing with them when they happen.

On our surface routes (bus, Wheel-Trans and streetcar) we need to do more to stop bunching, improve punctuality and to reduce the number of short turns. Specific action is being taken on short turns, and this is described in a

YouTube video that will be on our website shortly.

So what else are we doing to improve things? A “back-to-basics” approach is being taken to identify, track and drive down every cause of delay, including close management of suppliers, increased focus on active route supervision and holding managers to account for their areas of responsibility. In parallel, much greater attention is being given to the planning of events (such as closures for maintenance and construction) to make sure we get the detail right and restore regular service on time.

There is a lot more to do. But I am determined to drive up standards and performance across the Commission to give you better, more reliable service.

And if you were delayed last Friday — I am sorry.



On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Santa and Mrs. Claus took a moment to spread holiday cheer on the TTC. Here, Santa listens to 4-year-old Eason's wish list.

WINTER TTC SAFETY TIPS

Stay safe and warm this winter by remembering these safety tips when travelling on the TTC:

Hold on: Rain, ice, snow and sleet can cause slippery conditions on roadways, sidewalks, platforms and vehicles. Be careful stepping on and off TTC vehicles and hold onto the stanchion bars while riding.

Don't run: Winter can bring unpredictable road conditions, such as black ice. If you see a TTC vehicle, don't jaywalk; stay visible by using pedestrian crossings and make sure vehicles come to a complete stop before stepping into the roadway.

Keep informed: Before travelling on the TTC, check for service disruptions on our website, by registering for e-Services, following @TTCnotices on Twitter, or “liking” our Facebook page.

Stay warm: Don't wait in the cold; take note of the bus/streetcar stop number closest to your home/school/office and text it to 898882 (“txtttc”) to see the next three vehicle-arrival times. For system-wide vehicle-arrival times, visit www.nextbus.com.

EVENTS

DEC. 14, 16 AND 19:

• **Toronto Raptors at Air Canada Centre:** Subway to Union Station. Expect minor delays due to ongoing construction at the station.

DEC. 15:

• **The Killers at Air Canada Centre:** Subway to Union Station. Expect minor delays due to ongoing construction at the station.

DEC. 16:

• **Buffalo Bills at Rogers Centre:** Subway to St Andrew Station, five-minute walk south to Rogers Centre.

DEC. 16:

• **Toronto Marlies at Ricoh Coliseum:** 511 Bathurst streetcar to Exhibition Place.

SERVICE CHANGES

CONSTRUCTION:

• Train service on the Yonge-University-Spadina line continues to turn back at Eglinton Station after 12:30 a.m., Sunday to Friday, for necessary tunnel maintenance work. Replacement shuttle buses operate between Eglinton and Finch Stations.

• **72A Pape** buses diverting Church, Wellington, York, King, Church and The Esplanade, servicing stops outside King and St Andrew Stations due to work related to the Union Station Second Platform and Concourse Improvements Project.

• **509 Harbourfront** streetcars replaced by buses until spring 2013. Eastbound diverting via Lake Shore Boulevard, west-bound via Queens Quay. The replacement bus stop on Bay, south of Front, has been relocated to the north side of Front Street.

For more information on these and other routes, please visit www.ttc.ca

TRANSFERS

One of the special features of the TTC is its integration of buses, streetcars and subways. Only a single fare is required to travel from one area of the city to another, on all types of vehicles. To make this possible, customers who pay with cash, tokens, or tickets must carry a transfer, which acts as their “receipt” or proof of payment.

Transfers must be obtained where one pays their fare, either from an operator on board a streetcar or bus, or at transfer machines located in all TTC subway stations, just past the turnstile or collectors' booth where you pay your fare. It is always best

practice to take a transfer after paying a fare, just in case your plans change along the way. Pass holders do not require, and are not entitled to receive, a transfer.

Transfers are valid at transfer points on the day of issue for a one-way continuous trip — or as otherwise noted on the transfer. For example, the TTC offers a proof of payment or “POP” transfer system on Queen Street and a time-based transfer on St. Clair.

The POP transfer system was introduced on Queen Street to improve service by reducing boarding time. Customers can board any streetcar on Queen, from all doors. While this allows operators to service the stop faster, it requires customers to carry a transfer so they can prove a fare was paid. Customers will see this as standard practice on all streetcars with the roll-out of the new low-floor streetcars in 2014.

Time-based transfers on St. Clair are part of a local customer service initiative that allows up to two hours of travel time on one transfer. Customers can board a 512 St Clair streetcar or bus at any stop, in any direction, until the expiry time shown. On routes other than 512 St Clair, the transfer is valid at connecting-route transfer points only, until the expiry time shown.

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Russia finally admits rebels might win the fight for Syria

Allies. Russia won't say whether it will change pro-Syria stance at UN Security Council

Syria's most powerful ally and protector, Russia, began positioning itself Thursday for the fall of President Bashar Assad, saying for the first time that rebels might overthrow him and preparing to evacuate thousands of Russian citizens from the country.

The head of NATO echoed the Russian assessment, saying the Syrian government is near collapse following a nearly two-year conflict that has killed more than 40,000 people and threatened to ignite the Middle East. Assad appears to be running out of options, with insurgents at the gates of the capital and the country fracturing under the weight of a devastating civil war.

"An opposition victory can't be excluded, unfortunately, but it's necessary to look at the facts: There is a trend for the government to progressively lose control

Syrian ties

- Russia has sold Syria billions of dollars worth of weapons
- The Russians also strongly oppose a world order dominated by the United States, and they are keen to avoid a repeat of last year's NATO air campaign that led to the ouster of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, a former ally of Moscow.

over an increasing part of the territory," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov, Moscow's Middle East envoy, said during hearings at a Kremlin advisory body.

Still, Bogdanov gave no immediate signal that Russia would change its pro-Syria stance at the UN Security Council, where Moscow has shielded Damascus from world sanctions.

Russia's acknowledgment that Assad could lose the fight is an embarrassing blow to the regime, which describes the rebels as terrorists sent from abroad with no popular support.

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Syrian boys attend class in a city under control of the Free Syrian Army in Aleppo province, Syria. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gloves are off: Fists fly at Ukrainian parliament



Lawmakers fight around the rostrum during the first session of Ukraine's newly elected parliament on Thursday. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine's newly elected parliament on Thursday approved two presidential allies for the posts of prime minister and parliament speaker, but the vote was nearly overshadowed by a violent brawl between government supporters and opposition lawmakers.

The Party of Regions led by President Viktor Yanukovich and its allies secured a majority in the Verkhovna Rada following an October election condemned as unfair by the West. But three opposition parties made a

strong showing and vowed to challenge Yanukovich's grip on power.

Some took that literally. For the second day of the new parliament's work, fists flew as opposition lawmakers chanted "Shame! Shame!" and "No to defectors!"

Shortly after parliament began its work Thursday morning, opposition lawmakers swarmed the parliament's podium and a fight erupted with pro-government legislators. Lawmakers wrestled with each other and some deputies were knocked

over in the melee. Opposition lawmakers were angry over the fact that some of their opponents continued the controversial practice of voting in place of their absent colleagues, despite a recent ban.

Yanukovich ally Volodymyr Rybak, a 66-year-old former mayor of the eastern city of Donetsk, interrupted his speech in frustration.

"Esteemed deputies, let us calm down," he said as the fight continued and he was widely ignored.

After a short break was announced and the fight ended,

Rybak was elected parliament speaker.

Later in the day, parliament voted to approve acting Prime Minister Mykola Azarov, a staunch Yanukovich ally, as the country's premier. Azarov, 64, who has served as Yanukovich's prime minister for nearly three years, will have to manage an economy heading into a recession, a shaky national currency and negotiations with the International Monetary Fund on securing yet another bailout loan for Ukraine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIA renditions programs

Human rights court shoots down anti-terrorism program

A European court issued a landmark ruling Thursday that condemned the CIA's so-called extraordinary renditions programs and bolstered those who

say they were illegally kidnapped and tortured as part of an overzealous war on terrorism.

The European Court of Human Rights ruled that a German car salesman was a victim of torture and abuse, in a long-awaited victory for a man who had failed for years to get courts in the United States and Europe to recognize him as a victim.

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New constitution

U.S. to stay out of Egypt referendum

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter's centre said Thursday it will not deploy monitors for Egypt's constitutional referendum, amid deepening polarization over the process of adopting a document guiding how the country is to be governed following its

2011 revolution. The centre was the main international group monitoring earlier Egyptian votes, and its absence increases the likelihood that, if the constitution backed by President Mohamed Morsi and his Islamist allies passes, the rushed process leading to the Saturday referendum will further undermine the document's legitimacy.

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Protest

Moscow city government bans anti-Putin rally

The Moscow city government on Thursday said it will not allow a rally marking the anti-Putin protest movement's first anniversary, but opposition leaders said they intend to defy the

ban and take to the streets this weekend.

The decisions indicate a sharp change in tactics on both sides after a year of largely peaceful demonstrations that in some cases drew more than 100,000 people to protest Vladimir Putin's return to the presidency. Saturday's protest is likely to draw far fewer people and to be dispersed by riot police.

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Cancer cells hide from chemo: Study

'Paradigm shift.' New research may lead to new treatments

In a major breakthrough that will change the way cancer is studied and treated in the future, Toronto scientists have discovered a key reason why many tumours may return after chemotherapy.

In a new study, researchers at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre have shown that some of the cells that drive tumour growth hide from common chemotherapy drugs by going "dormant" — reigniting the disease when they awaken after treatment's end.

"That's where this paper lies, is to begin to add more depth (and) complexity to why cancers come back, why they recur," says renowned stem-cell scientist John Dick, whose paper was released Thursday by the journal *Science*.

Luba Slatkovska, head of research with the Canadian Cancer Society's Ontario division, agrees, saying the discovery represents a paradigm shift for research into the disease.

"John Dick is one of those researchers who is really changing the way we think about cancer," Slatkovska says. "We think that it's going to become one of the new hot topics ... in cancer research."

Dick says: "Some of (the cancer driver cells) are actually quite sensitive (to chemotherapy) and other ones, particularly those ones that come from these so-called dormant cells, are much more resistant."

"And that can be responsible for relapse."

Slatkovska, who was not involved in the study, says she can imagine the creation of drugs that could wake up the sleeping cells and expose them to killer chemo.

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In other cancer research ...

Post-menopausal breast-cancer survivors may be more likely to develop diabetes, according to new research out of Toronto. Past studies show women with diabetes have a slightly higher risk of getting breast cancer, too.



Toronto-based researchers have discovered that cancer recurs in a way that hadn't previously been known. BECKY SHINK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Who needs animal skin when you've got lace?

Emily Lavender, 24, of Victoria, left, and Brandi Dugal, 20, of Windsor pass out anti-fur flyers at the corner of King and Wellington streets in London as part of a cross-Ontario PETA tour on Thursday. Their signs say Be an Angel: Don't Wear Animal Skins. London was one of four stops for the duo, who had already wooed downtown crowds in Ottawa and Hamilton. Windsor is the final checkpoint on the tour. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

F-35. Rae wants apology for scrapped jet purchase

The Conservatives' promised "reset" of its fighter-jet search falls far short of the open competition needed to guarantee taxpayers the best price for the big-ticket purchase, Liberal interim leader Bob Rae says.

A day after the Conservative government set aside its decision to purchase the F-35 and start afresh looking for a replacement for the CF-18 Hornet fleet, Rae expressed doubt that the effort was meaningful.

That's because cabinet ministers like Defence Minister Peter MacKay — who announced in 2010 that Canada would buy the F-35 — were unrepentant this week as the government ditched that decision and said a new search was

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A fleet of 65 F-35s would cost \$44.8 billion to own and operate.

needed, Rae said.

"This government hasn't said it's sorry. This government hasn't apologized to Canadians. No one in the government has taken responsibility. From the prime minister on down, they've pretended as if it never happened," he said Thursday.

Faced with soaring costs, the government performed a U-turn on its planned purchase and said it would evaluate other jets as well. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Robocalls. Wave of lawsuits feared if wins overturned

The lawyer for Conservative MPs whose election wins are being challenged in Federal Court is cautioning the bar must be high to overturn the results of a vote.

Arthur Hamilton says throwing out the results in six ridings could unleash a torrent of legal challenges after each election.

Counting the votes on election night should do more than simply determine who is going to file a court case, he said Thursday.

"Because election night really means something," he said. "That's when electors get to see how the exercise of their franchise has turned out."

"We're in a setting now

Caveat

"We still want the voters to speak, except in the most extreme circumstances where the court needs to intervene."

Arthur Hamilton, lawyer for Tory MPs

with these six applications where we don't even have an eligible voter that's come forward in any of the six."

Eight voters are challenging the results over allegations of misleading or harassing calls made during last year's federal election.

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South Africa. Mandela, 94, honoured as he recovers from lung troubles

South African President Jacob Zuma on Thursday honoured anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela, who has been hospitalized since the weekend to recover from a lung infection.

Zuma unveiled a statue of Mandela in the city of Bloemfontein, also called Mangaung, which next week hosts the ruling African National Congress party's convention.

"We will be able to yet again pay tribute to a man who became a symbol of both our struggle for freedom and the free and democratic South Africa," Zuma said.

Mandela, 94, was admitted on Saturday to 1 Military Hospital in Pretoria, the capital.

"As we meet, Madiba is recuperating from a lung infection at a Pretoria hospital," Zuma said, using Mandela's clan name, often used here as a sign of affection. "We wish him a speedy recovery and assure him yet again of the love and support of many in the country and abroad." Zuma



A giant statue of Nelson Mandela is unveiled in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

made the remarks while dedicating an airport in the name of Bram Fischer, a white South African who was also a key figure in the struggle against apartheid, the system of racist white rule that collapsed in the 1994 elections.

Those elections made Mandela the nation's first black president. Mandela largely retired from public life after serving one five-year term as president. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Election night. Four disciplined after racially charged campus uproar

One student has been expelled and three others are being punished for their roles in a racially charged uproar on a Virginia college campus the night of U.S. President Barack Obama's re-election, the school said Thursday.

They were among approximately 40 students who gathered outside the Minority Student Union at Hampden-Sydney College on the night of Nov. 6 within minutes after Obama won a second term.

Some shouted racial slurs, tossed bottles, set off fireworks and threatened physical violence. No one

Quoted

"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

From the student code of the private, tradition-bound school founded in 1775. Former students have included a U.S. president, William Henry Harrison.

was injured inside the house, and some left the building to peacefully confront the crowd. The four were found guilty by a student court of violating the college's code of conduct. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Early Andersen fairy tale found

Hans Christian Andersen. Handwritten work called Tallow Candle may have been written when the author was a teen: Experts

For years, the sombre fairy tale about a lonely candle who wanted to be lit dwelt in oblivion at the bottom of a box in Denmark's National Archives. Its recent discovery has sent ripples through the literary world because it is believed to be one of the first tales ever written by Hans Christian Andersen.

The famed Dane wrote nearly 160 fairy tales in his life, including classics such as *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Little Mermaid*. The tale of the candle may have been written when he was still a teen, experts say.

Retired historian Esben Brage said Thursday that he found the six-page text on Oct. 4 while searching through archive boxes that had belonged to wealthy families from Andersen's hometown of Odense in central Denmark.

The handwritten copy of the tale, entitled *Tallow Candle*, and dedicated to a vicar's widow named Bunkeflod who had lived across from Andersen's home, had been left seemingly untouched at the bottom of one of the boxes.

"I was ecstatic," Brage said. "I had never imagined this."

The short story tells the tale of how a tallow candle seeks help from a tinder box to be able to ignite itself. A senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum



The Tallow Candle fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, pictured here, dates to about 1823. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Expert opinion

"We see traces of Andersen's history in the text, the language and the themes in the manuscript.... It all fits with him, it all bears his fingerprint."

Ejnar Stig Askgaard, senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum in Denmark

in Odense said the work is likely one of the author's earliest, written at the age of 18 — seven years before his official debut in 1830.

"I often get calls about stuff thought to have been of Andersen's hand. Most of the time, it is not. This time I was thrilled," said Ejnar Stig Askgaard, a senior curator at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum. "This is a very early attempt at prose by Andersen,

who was then 18."

Askgaard said Andersen regularly visited the Bunkeflod widow, reading to her and borrowing books from her.

"The text is not at the level of the more mature fairy tales that we know from Andersen's later writing," Askgaard said, but "we see traces of Andersen's history in the text, the language and the themes."

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Tallow Candle

The Danish-language story *Doedningen*, from 1830, has long been considered Andersen's first fairy tale. That story was later re-written and published as *The Traveling Companion*, a grim tale about death.

- Andersen was born in 1805 in Odense, 170 km west of Copenhagen, to a cleaning lady and a shoemaker.
- While famed for his fairy tales, he also wrote dozens of novels, poems and travel journals.

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Chavez's people speak frankly about surgery complications

Cancer treatment.

Venezuelan supporters pray for their leader's health during cancer treatment in Cuba

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez suffered bleeding during his cancer surgery in Cuba that required "corrective measures" to stanch the flow, his government said Thursday.

But in the latest of a series of unusually frank reports about the president's delicate condition, Information Minister Ernesto Villegas also said Chavez has been making a "progressive and favourable" recovery after the complications from Tuesday's surgery.

"This recovery process, nevertheless, will require a prudent period of time as a consequence of the complexity of the surgery performed," Villegas added.

The government has begun providing regular updates on the president's recovery after the six-hour surgery in what appears to be a slight easing of the secrecy

Chavismo after Chavez

One-man rule has been the glue that has held together Chavez's socialist movement.

- He hadn't groomed any clear successor until he announced over the weekend that if cancer cuts short his presidency he wants his vice-president, Nicolas Maduro, to take over.
- But some Venezuelans say battles over power may already be brewing within the president's "Chavismo" movement.

that has surrounded Chavez's medical treatment since he fell ill last year.

The latest details about Chavez's health came as supporters held church services to pray for him and as Venezuelans increasingly acknowledged that their country might be on the verge of political change if the leftist leader cannot be sworn in for his fourth term early next year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rocket reality check

North Korea's weapons progress doesn't scare America

After 14 years of painstaking labour, North Korea finally has a rocket that can put a satellite in orbit. But that doesn't mean the reclusive country is close to having an intercontinental ballistic missile.

Experts say Pyongyang is years from even having a shot at developing reliable missiles

that could bombard the American mainland and other distant targets, though it did gain attention and the outrage of world leaders Wednesday with its first successful launch of a three-stage, long-range rocket.

A missile program is built on decades of systematic, intricate testing, something extremely difficult for economically struggling Pyongyang, which faces guaranteed sanctions and world disapproval each time it stages an expensive launch.

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Kremlin critic

Lawyer confirms his tea-poisoned client was on U.K. spy agency's payroll

Alexander Litvinenko, the former Russian agent-turned-Kremlin critic, was a "registered and paid" agent working for Britain's foreign intelligence agency when he died after being mysteriously poisoned, a lawyer representing his widow told an official hearing Thursday.

Another lawyer said the U.K. has evidence the Russian government was behind Litvinenko's death.

The 43-year-old Russian died in November 2006 after drinking tea laced with the rare radioactive isotope polonium-210 at a London hotel. Six years later, British authorities are reopening investigations into the shocking circumstances of his death. On his deathbed, the former Russian FSB agent accused the Russian President Vladimir Putin of being behind his killing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Indian army soldiers perform Mallakhamb, traditional Indian gymnastics on a vertical wooden pole during a rehearsal for Victory Day celebrations in Mumbai, Thursday. The Indian Army celebrates Victory Day on Dec. 16, to commemorate its military victory over Pakistan in 1971. RAJANISH KAKADE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Twin spacecraft on a crash course with the moon

Dramatic conclusion.

Successful NASA mission has provided unprecedented insight into the moon's banged-up exterior

After nearly a year circling the moon, NASA's Ebb and Flow will meet their demise when they crash — on purpose — into the lunar surface.

Just don't expect to see celestial fireworks. Next week's impact near the moon's north pole by the washing-machine-sized spacecraft won't carve a gaping crater or kick up a lot of debris. And it'll be dark when it happens.

"We are not expecting a big flash or a big explosion" that will be visible from Earth, said mission chief scientist Maria Zuber of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Still, it'll mark a violent end to a successful mission that has produced the most high-resolution gravity maps of Earth's closest neighbour. On Friday, engineers will turn off the science instruments in preparation for Monday's finale.

Previous unmanned trips to the moon have studied its lumpy gravitational field, but Ebb and Flow are the first ones dedicated to this goal. Since entering orbit over New Year's weekend, the formation-flying spacecraft have peered past the



This artist rendering provided by NASA shows the twin Grail spacecraft mapping the lunar gravity field. After nearly a year circling the moon, NASA's Ebb and Flow spacecraft will meet their demise when they are scheduled to crash — on purpose — into a lunar mountain Monday. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

craggy surface into the interior.

About an hour before Monday's impact, they will fire their engines until they run out of fuel and slam at 6,115 km/h into a predetermined target — a mountain near the north pole that's far away from the Apollo landing sites.

Among their findings so far: The moon is more beat up than previously imagined, the crust is much thinner than first thought, and there's no evidence that Earth once had two moons that collided to form the one we see in the night sky.

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Butcher's Choice

Burgers recalled over E. coli cases

Four cases of E. coli infection have prompted a recall of frozen hamburgers across the country.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Loblaw Companies Ltd. are warning the public to avoid certain Butcher's Choice Garlic Peppercorn Beef Burgers because of possible contamination.

The affected product is sold frozen in 1.13-kilogram packages with a best-before date of March 3.

Public Health officials notified the CFIA on Dec. 5 that the E. coli cases could possibly be linked to a food source, which prompted the investigation into the meat.

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Publishers. EU watchdog accepts proposals to end ebook-price setting

The European Union's competition watchdog has accepted proposals by four publishers and Apple to end agreements that set retail prices for e-books — a practice the EU feared violated competition rules.

The decision reached Thursday is legally binding on Hachette Livre, Harper Collins, Simon & Schuster and Verlagsgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck, which owns Macmillan. The deal is also binding on Penguin.

The EU was concerned that Apple's agreements with the publishers, which let the publishers set the price at which online bookshops sold ebooks to consumers, unfairly raised the price of the content.



Sony's e-reader.
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The publishers and Apple must end all of the contracts in question and hold off on entering into new ones.

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Const. Alvin Pennick, in the U.K., writes inside a Christmas card. METRO WORLD NEWS

Christmas card crime-fighting raises eyebrows

U.K. Metro finds little support for 'strange' police strategy on streets of violent London borough

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Metro World News in London

Police Const. Alvin Pennick takes a moment to jot down his thoughts in the snow-speckled Christmas card. "If you threaten another with a knife you will serve a mandatory sentence of minimum six months in prison," the message reads.

More than 200 suspected gang members are receiving these greetings from the police in Tower Hamlets in east London. The area has among the highest violent-crime rates in the U.K. capital, with dozens of organized gangs, and was the scene of fierce clashes during the 2011 riots.

"We want a safe Christmas and this is a warning, but we are also reaching out to those who want to turn their lives around," Caroline Gustavina of the Tower Hamlets Gang Unit, who launched the project, told Metro. "We can support people into work or education and if one person wants to live differently that's a fantastic result."

The card carries a hotline number for recipients to call,

side of the divide.

"It won't make a difference, people think it's a joke and don't read it," Stephen Ita, former gang member and youth worker with the XLP charity, told Metro. "Building engagement is not short-term — the police do some great work in the community but this isn't it."

A spokesman for the Connexions outreach program questioned the police's cultural awareness: "Since many of the gang members in Tower Hamlets are from the Bangladeshi Muslim community, a Christmas card is not the best message."

Local businessman Mohammed Shaid at the area's market said, "Gangs are always stealing here in big groups, but when they come the police are never here. This card idea is strange."



Greetings from U.K. police to suspected gang members.
METRO WORLD NEWS

but Gustavina admits that there have only been abusive calls so far. This is not a surprise to people on the other

Machine-gun Santa



On Monday, police in Abbotsford, B.C., sent out a Christmas card with Santa (actually

Chief Const. Bob Rich) holding a machine gun to gangsters and criminals in their community. The controversial card got mixed reactions and was even shown on the popular ABC show Live with Kelly and Michael. The inside of the card also featured a number for gangsters to call if they wanted help getting out of the gang lifestyle.
METRO IN VANCOUVER

Tories trumpet victims' rights after Turcotte release

Planned legislation.

Federal government speaks out against release of Quebec doctor convicted of killing his two young children

The federal government sprang to the microphone Thursday to denounce the release of a Quebec doctor who killed his two children and trumpet long-promised new rules for those found not criminally responsible.

Guy Turcotte — convicted in the 2009 stabbing deaths of his three-year-old daughter and five-year-old son, but found not criminally responsible — was freed Wednesday after just 46 months under psychiatric care.

The Harper government, which rarely misses the opportunity to burnish its tough-on-crime armour,



Guy Turcotte holds his daughter Anne-Sophie in an undated handout photo.

MONTREAL LA PRESSE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

seized on the chance to repeat its promise to tighten up the rules on such releases in the name of victims' rights.

Turcotte's release infuriated Isabelle Gaston, his ex-wife and mother to the

murdered children, who described the decision as "freeing a criminal."

"Isabelle Gaston does not deserve to live in fear of her children's killer and neither do other victims of similar crimes across Canada," Heritage Minister James Moore told a news conference Thursday.

"Isabelle Gaston deserves better than this. The system has failed her."

Moore repeated the government's plan for legislation to deal with high-risk offenders found not criminally responsible for their actions on account of a mental disorder who may pose a threat to public safety if released.

The new law may require longer waits between formal reviews of the status of people held in psychiatric hospitals after being found not criminally responsible, he suggested.

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B.C. teen severely burned in deliberate attack: RCMP

The RCMP say one of the men charged with setting a sleeping teenager on fire at a house party in Kelowna, B.C., may have staged similar attacks in the past.

RCMP Const. Kris Clark said the 18-year-old victim was drunk when he fell asleep on the kitchen floor at the home during the early morning hours of Dec. 8.

The officer said the suspect allegedly poured a liquid on the back of the victim and then lit a match, while another suspect recorded the resulting fire on video.

Clark said the teen suf-

Quote

"There's information that we've obtained through the course of our investigation that leads us to believe this may not be the first time this has happened."

RCMP Const. Kris Clark

fered major burns to most of his back but no one who was present in the home at the time told police about the incident, and the RCMP didn't become aware of what happened until about 12 hours later.

"We received a report, basically from the hospital, that an 18-year-old man was receiving treatment for second- and third-degree burns after being intentionally being set on fire," he said.

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Manitoba

Aboriginal group blames RCMP for death of woman

Relatives of a northern Manitoba woman who died after being picked up for intoxication are blaming the RCMP and nursing station staff for her death. "My sister called for help and the RCMP ignored her," Ralph Okemow said Thursday as he sat with aboriginal leaders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health

Hearing disorder misdiagnosed as ADHD: Experts

A hearing disorder affecting two to three per cent of Canadian children is being misdiagnosed as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, experts say. The symptoms of auditory processing disorder (APD) are similar to ADHD — short attention spans, anxiety and difficulty reading. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Possible crimes

Quebec police to be investigated over funds: Gov't

The Quebec government has announced that it will investigate three top members of the provincial police for possible criminal activity. The public safety minister said the senior officials being targeted are suspected of improperly using a special-operations fund. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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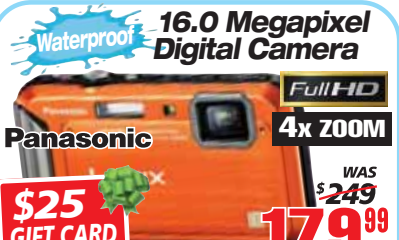
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Deal. Canada, U.S. sign visa treaty to share biometric info by 2014

Immigration. Privacy commissioner's office says info may endanger applicants from places with bad human rights records

Canada will soon begin sharing biometric information and other data about visa applicants with the United States — which then may provide it to third countries under a newly signed treaty.

It means the fingerprints or photo of someone who hopes to visit, study or work in Canada could be passed to Washington, which in turn might share them with another country to help verify the person's identity. However, Canada would have to agree to the disclosure and could place restrictions or conditions on how the information is shared, says the treaty released Thursday.

The biometric sharing initiative is part of a continental perimeter security deal reached last year.

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graphic information will be shared by 2013. Biometric information, such as photos and fingerprints of select visa applicants, will be shared by 2014.

At a ceremony to sign the agreement, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and U.S. ambassador David Jacobson stressed that the information would be handled with due regard for privacy.

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Queen Elizabeth II tours the gold vault during her visit to the Bank of England in London on Thursday. Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has been named the future governor of the Bank of England starting next July. EDDIE MULHOLLAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/POOL

C-377. Bill forcing unions to open books constitutional: Tory MP

With his private-member's bill on union finances now before the Senate, Conservative MP Russ Hiebert says he's confident it can withstand a constitutional challenge.

But labour groups say they're ready for a court fight over the legislation, which they predict could cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

Bill C-377 was passed by the House of Commons on Wednesday after it was amended to remove provisions dealing with pensions.

Almost as soon as the bill left the House, labour groups began an intense lobbying campaign to persuade senators to scrap it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

What is Bill C-377?

The bill, once passed into law, would force unions to publicly disclose how they spend the dues they collect.

- It would amend the Income Tax Act to require unions to provide detailed annual financial filings to the Canada Revenue Agency, which would then make the info public.
- Some personal information would be withheld for privacy reasons.

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Hospital finds 30 cases of HIV in pilot project

A pilot project at Vancouver hospitals that tests patients for HIV on admission has found more than 30 cases in its first year. Under the

program launched in October of 2011, four area hospitals began offering HIV tests to patients when other blood tests are ordered.

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Eli Roth during the 2012 Halloween bash at Eli Roth's Goretorium on Oct. 31 in Las Vegas. DENISE TRUSCELLO/GETTY IMAGES

VEGAS: WHERE NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM

A tour of director Eli Roth's Goretorium is a bone-chilling experience

Sure, the geeky teen taking cellphone pictures was annoying, but he didn't deserve to have his throat slit.

And yet he did, right in front of this reporter, in a freight elevator jammed between floors, while his agonized screams competed with the sound of grinding gears.

It was only two minutes into the experience at Eli Roth's new Sin City palace of horrors called Goretorium yet it was already very clear that this wasn't your average haunted house. Then again, did you honestly think it would be?

Not only does putting anything right on the Strip in Vegas up the ante, but with Roth's name connected, you just know that his stylistic trifecta of blood, erotica and screams will be working overtime.

The 40-year-old filmmaker started making his own horror films at the age of eight, "after I threw up watching Alien," he once told an interviewer. He sold his first full-length feature, Cabin Fever, at the 2002 Toronto International Film Festival for the tidy sum of \$3.5 million.

He then went on to make his "masterpiece," if you don't mind splashing some gore on that term, a nasty little 2005 movie called Hostel about three horny guys who check into a hostel, thinking they're going to sample limitless sexual pleasures, only to find that they're about to be tortured and killed for the delight of vis-

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iting tourists.

It cost \$4 million to make and ended up grossing \$80 million at the worldwide box office.

No wonder Roth wanted to revisit the format when he conceived of the Goretorium. On the second floor of a mall across the street from the lavish shopping mall Crystals and the sleek new Cosmopolitan Hotel, Goretorium is staffed by the kind of people your parents told you to keep away from.

You'll see more than your

fill of misguided piercings, tacky tattoos and leather undergarments. And that's just from the staff who sell you your tickets and lead you up the dank, dark staircase.

"Don't touch the artists" is the warning from one Goth goddess.

The conceit is that you're in the ruins of the Delmont Hotel, one of those seedy horrors from the early days of Vegas in the 1960s. A family of serial killers lived there, slaughtering all their guests. (This was in the days before TripAdvisor.) When the remains were finally discovered decades later, the body count was well into the hundreds.

Roth sets this all up perfectly with a series of TV newscasts that look so much like the period, it's scary.

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Movie madness

- As you tour Goretorium, you will see some people being dismembered, others having their faces shoved into the lit burner on a gas stove, and still more chained to the wall, begging you to release them.
- While the smart part of you knows it's all fake, the canny combination of light, sound and special effects will see to it that you get the scare of your life.
- The whole experience takes 30 to 45 minutes depending on crowd size. It then feeds into the horror-themed (but otherwise pretty nondescript) Baby Dolls cocktail lounge.
- But don't try to touch them, or you'll find yourself being forcibly removed from the room by one of the human monsters that inhabit the place.

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The "Tree Of Hope" in Union Beach, N.J., on Wednesday. A man helping neighbours gut their storm-wrecked homes found the artificial Christmas tree in the gutter with other storm debris a few days after Superstorm Sandy pummeled the Jersey shore. He then watched in amazement as the town made the tree its own, decorating it with handmade ornaments, hand-scrawled messages of hope, lights and toys. WAYNE PARRY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Tree of Hope' lifts spirits in wrecked town

Sandy recovery.
Residents of Union Beach, N.J., rally around Christmas tree rescued from storm debris

Quoted

"It's an amazing thing to see it keep growing."

County parks employee James Butler, the man who rescued the tree, saying that much of its appeal is that the community as a whole has taken ownership.

In the days after Superstorm Sandy wrecked the gritty blue-collar enclave of Union Beach on the New Jersey shore, creating iconic scenes of devastation and loss, the artificial Christmas tree was just an inconspicuous part of tons of rubble, the detritus of people's lives in a town ripped open for all to see.

A local youth soccer coach drove past it for three days straight on his way to volunteer by helping neighbours rip out the carpets, floors and walls of their flooded homes.

He plucked it from its waterlogged storage bag, set it up in a vacant field — and watched in amazement as grieving residents made the tree their own, adorning it with handmade ornaments, lights and messages of hope, defiance and recovery.

A month later, Union Beach has rallied around the tree, a rare bit of encouragement in a depressing holiday season like no other.

"It's become the sign of our hope, that life goes on

and you move forward. It's just amazing," said Gigi Liaguno-Dorr, whose destroyed restaurant, Jakeabob's Bay, was flashed across TV screens during Wednesday night's telecast of the Sandy benefit concert in New York.

This town of about 6,200, just across Raritan Bay from

New York's Staten Island, suffered major damage from the storm surge and resulting flooding. A house on the bay front that was literally cut in half by waves has become one of the defining images of the storm.

It is devastation that may chase many of the town's blue-collar residents away for good. Union Beach's median household income was \$61,347; unlike wealthier Jersey shore oceanfront communities, where many of the homes destroyed were summer getaways, most of the houses wrecked in Union Beach were people's only home. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A house on the Raritan Bay in Union Beach, N.J., that was torn in half by Superstorm Sandy, shown here on Wednesday, has become one of the defining images of the storm. WAYNE PARRY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hundreds protest as conspiracy trail nears end

Turkey. 300 charged with attempting to overthrow Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's Islamist-rooted government

Turkish police on Thursday used pepper spray and water cannons to push back hundreds of protesters trying to enter a courthouse where prosecutors were to deliver final arguments in a trial against nearly 300 people accused of plotting to overthrow the government, Turkish media reported.

Inside the courthouse, a panel of judges was forced to interrupt the trial three times over objections by defence lawyers and spectators shouting slogans in support of the defendants, who include prominent journalists, politicians, academics and retired generals, the state-run Anadolu agency and other media said.

The defendants are accused of plotting a series of attacks in



Turkish police fire tear gas on protesters trying to enter a courthouse where prosecutors are scheduled to deliver final arguments in the case against hundreds accused of plotting to overturn the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a bid to foment chaos and provoke a military coup to bring down Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamic-rooted government, in a manner similar to past coups in Turkey that

ousted civilian governments.

They are charged with belonging to an ultranationalist gang, Ergenekon, which prosecutors say was behind attacks on a newspaper and a

courthouse, and plots to kill the prime minister and author Orhan Pamuk, Turkey's Nobel laureate. The defendants have rejected the accusations.

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Israel. Foreign minister charged with breach of trust resists calls to resign

Avigdor Lieberman

The foreign minister is a controversial figure.

- **Message.** With a tough-talking message that has questioned the loyalty of Israel's Arab minority, criticized the Palestinians and confronted Israel's foreign critics, he has become an influential voice in Israeli politics even while sometimes alienating Israel's allies.

Israel's powerful foreign minister was charged Thursday with breach of trust for actions that allegedly compromised a criminal investigation into his business dealings, throwing the country's election campaign into disarray just weeks before the vote.

While Avigdor Lieberman was cleared of more serious allegations against him, the indictment sparked immediate calls for the controversial politician to step down. He declined to do so at a news conference but said he would consult with his lawyers on what to do next. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rallied behind his ally.

Lieberman denied any wrongdoing, calling the investigation against him a witch hunt. "According to my legal counsel, I do not have to resign," Lieberman told cheering supporters at a campaign rally. "At the end of the day, I will make a final decision together with my lawyers."

Lieberman, a native of Moldova, is head of Yisrael Beiteinu, an ultranationalist party that is especially popular with fellow immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Yisrael Beiteinu and Netanyahu's Likud Party recently joined forces and are running together on a joint list in the Jan. 22 parliamentary elections. Opinion polls have predicted they would form the largest bloc in parliament and lead a new coalition government.

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Town of tremors wary of worst case

Unstable future. Quiet Chilean community rocked by record number of quakes

Navidad, a coastal farming town of 5,500 people in Chile, has become one of the shakiest spots in one of the world's shakiest countries. And seismologists can't say whether these were aftershocks from Chile's devastating quake two years ago, or warnings of another huge

disaster to come.

More than 170 tremors were felt in Navidad in just five weeks. Children at public schools practice drills every day and everyone seems to have a quake bag with flashlights and food ready.

"We were born, grew up and were raised with earthquakes," acting Mayor Rodrigo Soto said. "It seems like the world for the first time has discovered Navidad. Everyone asks us if we're scared and all we can say is that we need to be prepared."

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Tragic history

The recent tremors are a frequent reminder of the 8.8-magnitude quake and tsunami in 2010 that devastated much of Chile's coast, including Navidad.

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Take that, Apple — Google Maps makes a return

The new Google Maps application is shown in New York on Thursday. The world's most popular online mapping system has returned with the release of the Google Maps iPhone app. The release comes nearly three months after Apple Inc. replaced Google Maps — which was the iPhone's built-in navigation system — with its own map software. But Apple's maps proved to be far inferior, and the product's shoddiness prompted Apple CEO Tim Cook to issue a rare public apology. A Google Maps iPad app is in the works, but for now, iPad owners can use the maps in iPhone mode. That won't be the best experience, but still may be better than Apple's maps on the iPad. **KARLY DOMB SADOFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Supreme Court sides with cable, satellite firms on fee system

The Supreme Court of Canada says the CRTC does not have the power to make cable providers pay

broadcasters for carrying their signals.

In a 5-4 decision Thursday, the court ruled that setting up such a system is not within the scope of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. In doing so, the justices overturned an earlier Federal Court of Appeal decision.

The CRTC decided in

2010 to launch what's known as a value-for-signal system as a response to a changing broadcasting landscape that saw local broadcasters struggling for revenue. Currently, cable and satellite providers pluck TV signals out of the air for free and then redistribute them to their subscribers, who pay for access.

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Google hides porn under cyber mattress

Filtering furor. Change to SafeSearch settings means fewer saucy pics turn up in results

In a move that polarized online opinion, Google introduced a new algorithm Thursday that will produce fewer pornographic images on its image search.

The change took effect in the U.S. only, and hasn't yet been implemented in Canada.

Twitter was abuzz with the change, which seems to affect the U.K., U.S. and Canada, but not some European countries like Germany.

"Is Google Censuring Porn on Image Search, or Is Search Broken?," tweeted @Philbo as news of the new filter broke Thursday morning.

Most of the early tweets expressed dismay in what was perceived to be increased censorship.

"Don't be evil, Google? Then why does your new Google Images algorithm make it harder to find porn?," tweeted @omar_aok.

But some users saw an up-

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tent isn't being censored, just that a user will have to search for it specifically.

"We use algorithms to select the most relevant results for a given query. If you're looking for adult content, you can find it without having to change the default setting — you just may need to be more explicit in your query if your search terms are potentially ambiguous," the statement read.

"No filter is 100 per cent accurate, but SafeSearch should help you avoid most of this type of material," writes Google on its help site.

Twitter user ?@_WillieClark solemnly declared Thursday "The day the porn died."

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U.S. mulling ban on 'stalking apps'

Mobile-privacy bill.
Apps often used by jealous spouses who track cellphone users without their consent

For about \$50, a jealous wife or husband can download cellphone software that can track the whereabouts of a spouse better than any private detective. But in the United States, it

soon might be illegal.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was expected on Thursday to approve a law closing a legal loophole that allows so-called cyberstalking apps to operate secretly on a cellphone and transmit the user's location without a person's knowledge.

Telephone companies are barred from disclosing to businesses the locations of people when they make a traditional phone call. But there's no such

'Stealth phone spy software'

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prohibition on the Internet, and the ambiguity has created a niche for companies such as Retina Software, which makes ePhoneTracker and describes

it as "stealth phone spy software."

Retina Software says the program is for the lawful monitoring of a cellphone that the purchaser of the software owns and has a right to monitor. But supporters of the bill say there is no way to ensure the rules are followed. Victims-advocacy groups says the bill will help to curb stalking and domestic violence by weakening a tool that gives one person power over another. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sen. Al Franken introduced the mobile-privacy bill after a domestic-violence case in Minnesota in which a woman was stalked via her cellphone.
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U.S. economy. Little progress made on 'fiscal cliff'

U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner remained far apart on Thursday in negotiations aimed at avoiding the so-called "fiscal cliff" — the Dec. 31 austerity measures of big tax hikes and deep spending cuts that threaten to push the U.S. into recession.

The talks have been weighed down heavily by conservatives' objections to raising tax rates and Obama's determination to carry out his campaign promise to start solving the U.S. budget crisis

by raising taxes on wealthy Americans. Beyond that is a deep disagreement on government spending, especially for so-called entitlement programs such as Medicare for older Americans and the Social Security pension program. Republicans want big cuts, and Democrats don't.

The White House has slightly reduced its demands on taxes — from \$1.6 trillion over a decade to \$1.4 trillion — but isn't yielding on demands that rates rise for wealthier earners.

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StatsCan. Household debt hits new record

Canadians are more in hock today than ever before, Statistics Canada said Thursday in releasing fresh data on household debt.

The new report shows household debt to annual disposable income reached a new high at 164.6 per cent, from 163.3 per cent the previous quarter.

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has named rising household debt a key risk to the Canadian economy, but noted this week he was encouraged that credit growth appeared to be slowing.

Still, Carney has also said he expects the debt-to-income ratio to keep rising over the next couple of years. That is in

Digging a deeper hole

- In the July-September period, households borrowed \$27.3 billion, \$18.4 billion of that in mortgages, while consumer credit levels increased by \$7 billion to \$474 billion.

part because of a lag in time between purchase decisions — such as a new home — and when the debt gets registered.

There was some good news in the report. The agency noted that the pace of growth in debt slowed during the period.

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Research in Motion

U.S. customs agency to launch BB10 pilot program

Research In Motion says the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency will launch a pilot program with its smartphones using the

new operating system BlackBerry10, likely in January.

However, RIM has lost several other U.S. departments and agencies as clients. BlackBerry smartphones were recently dropped by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board in favour of the new iPhone 5.

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Strong loonie, stable economy boost holiday travel plans

New survey. Canadians will spend average of \$563 on seasonal trips

It looks like Santa won't be the only one on the move this holiday season.

The Bank of Montreal says a strong loonie and a relatively stable economy are fuelling a desire by many Canadians to get away over the Christmas-New Year's period.

According to the bank's 2012 Holiday Travel Outlook released Thursday, some 60 per cent of Canadians plan to travel over the holidays, spending an average of \$563 apiece on their trips.

The survey found that while some 39 per cent planned to travel within their home province, almost one in five, or 19 per cent, were looking to go abroad.

The most popular destination outside of Canada was the United States, with 13 per cent of Canadians heading south of the border. Some three per cent chose Mexico as their preferred destination while eight per cent



Santa's already got his holiday travel arrangements in hand. A new poll found 60 per cent of Canadians also plan to travel over the Christmas-New Year's period. TOM TINGLE/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

74%

Travellers will be younger this holiday season, with 74 per cent of Canadians under 30 planning to travel compared with 42 per cent of those 65 and over.

the report found that Canadians' use of reward points is

on the rise. Two out of 10 Canadians (21 per cent) planned to travel on reward points this year, up seven per cent over last year.

BMO said the results were from an online survey conducted by Pollara between Oct. 11 and Oct. 16 with a random sample of 1,000 Canadians 18 years of age and over.

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MONKEY SEE, GOOSE BUMP, BEAR NO CAN DO



THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
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1 **Pimpin' primate.** The week's top story involves a stylishly dressed monkey wandering cluelessly near a store, and eventually taken to live with a

baboon. Wasn't that the premise for Jersey Shore?

2 **Call Me Maybe.** The robocall challenge went before Federal Court this week. Voters questioned the integrity of the election process, and political scientist Peter Russel said, "Canadian citizens don't want to be lied to in robocalls." He's right. Canadians are accustomed to politicians who lie to us in person, dammit!

3 **Diminishing returns.** Imagine waiting hours at a restaurant for a steak, and then being given two of them minutes before they close. You now have to consume massive quantities in a hurry, and while the first two bites are satisfying, the whole thing just ends up making you sick. Welcome to your condensed NHL season.

4 **Good for the goose.** The Canadian dollar rose slightly this week while American currency weakened when it was announced that the U.S. Federal Reserve would be printing additional money to buy up more bonds. I had a friend who used to do that but I haven't seen him in years.

5 **Single mother.** An 11-year-old female polar bear at the Toronto Zoo, who last year rejected three of her own cubs, gave birth to three more on Dec. 6. One died shortly after birth, and the others died on Sunday. The zoo is unclear about how these last two died, and they are investigating. Now, I'm no social worker, but maybe she's just not ready for motherhood?

6 **Ask Men?** Jennifer Lawrence, the 22-year-old star of The Hunger Games, has been named the "most desirable woman" of the year in an annual AskMen.com poll based on several criteria including sex appeal, talent, sense of humour, and professional success, although the latter three are only ever seen by women.

7 **Li-Lo litigation.** I was going to provide an update on Lindsay Lohan's court case but then I had a dream in which she hit me with her Porsche, punched me in the face, stole my watch and made me watch Liz & Dick. I woke up in a cold sweat, screaming, "No mas Lindsay! Please! No mas!"

8 **Dalton McGuinty.** Pardon me. What I was going to say about Ontario's premier may already have been said in No. 2 above. Or was it No. 1? Take your pick.

9 **RIP.** We lost two outstanding international artists this week. The first was Jenni Rivera, a huge star in the Latin world, whose life and career were cut short in a plane crash at age 43. The second was Ravi Shankar, 92, whose work with the Beatles made him the best-known contemporary Indian musician of our time. Gen Y may only know him as Norah Jones' dad (and we thank him for that), but his impact on music is unparalleled in many ways. Thankfully, both of these artists left their music for us to cherish. Rock 'n' roll heaven awaits.

Happy Holidays to all.



Golden girl: The Hunger Games' Jennifer Lawrence was named AskMen.com's 'most desirable woman' of the year. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Blooming cold in the Arctic



MATTHIAS WIETZ/IGERT/NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

In the garden of freezin'

Chilly air creates a sea of flowers at the North Pole

Some (flowers) like it hot, but others like these in the North Pole prefer it very cold. Frost flowers, a natural phenomenon where frost grows amid an extremely cold atmosphere on top of warmer water, form unusual floral structures that host microorganisms. Oceanographer Jeff Bowman spoke to Metro about his research.

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Q&A

Like frost, but in 3-D

How are these frost flowers formed?

They grow on new ice with open cracks. The extremely cold air (below -8 C) becomes saturated, and frost starts to form on the ice's imperfections. Then feathery structures begin to grow out of the cracks, and incorporate marine salt and microorganisms like algae. They are no different to frost formations, but only in 3-D.

What is the significance of these ethereal structures?



Jeff Bowman at work in the Arctic Ocean. MATTHIAS WIETZ/IGERT/NSF

Chemical reactions in the flowers produce compounds that help form clouds. This low cloud cover can alter the local climate — by reflecting sunlight back into

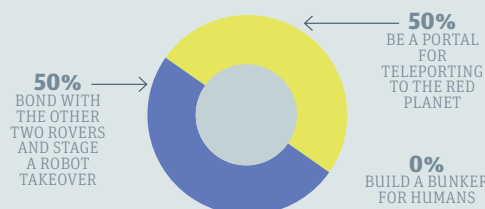
space — and thus make the region colder. In addition, frost flowers can potentially release aerosols, which can lead to ozone depletion. But so far this is nothing more than speculation.

What was your first reaction when you saw these? They are stunning and so ubiquitous, you can see them for kilometres. They form very abruptly, within only a few hours. I recall one expedition to the North Pole: when the fog cleared the entire icescape was covered as far as the eye could see by these bizarre yet beautiful shapes.



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NASA is planning to send another rover to Mars. What should be its mission?



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If you are planning a trip to the U.S. you might want to pick up this new e-reader from Amazon (available in select box stores). Like the Glo, the Kindle

Paperwhite has an illuminated screen but with higher resolution and contrast. It's light and has a battery capable of lasting eight weeks on a single charge. There is a cheaper version of Paperwhite with ads (Amazon calls these "special offers"), so if this will annoy you make sure you get the "Without Special Offers" model. Also available with 3G for those who like to travel.

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This older model of Ama-

zon's popular e-reader is available in select Canadian stores. It may be one of the originals, but it remains a favourite for those who like downloading on the go. The 3G connectivity means you can download new titles anywhere you have cell reception at no additional charge. The built-in keyboard is great for those who hate touchscreen typing.



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Last summer, 550 kids and more than 300 parents participated in Walmart's Big Toy Testing Event to test

and grade more than 100 of what would be the hottest toys for this season, says Cheri

Anthony, director of merchandising for toys at Walmart Canada. Toys were evaluated on educational value, age appropriateness, ease of use and how children related to the toy.

The result: Top 20 toys for kids of all ages in different categories such as "educational," "kid-friendly tablets and apps," "crafts," "electronics," "budget-friendly" and "movie related."

Top toys this year include Hot Wheels Wall Tracks Mega Set, ROXX

Skulz Game, Star Wars Ultimate FX Lightsaber, Roctivity Sit to Stand Music Skool, and Stand-Up Ballcano.

"We're proud to say that our top toys this holiday season are kid-tested and mom approved," Anthony says. The toys are identified throughout the store and flagged online.



Stand-Up Ballcano



MOMS IN TOYLAND

SHOPPING CAN BE AS EASY AND ECONOMICAL AS YOU NEED IT TO BE

For many busy, time-pressed moms, holiday shopping used to be something to dread ... but with so many different ways to shop today and retailers doing everything they can to help, shopping can be as easy, quick and economical as you need it to be, according to Cheri Anthony, director of merchandising for toys at Walmart Canada.

"We're delivering the shopping experience how and when our customers want it," Anthony says. "Customers can shop for toys online at walmart.ca from the comfort of their home, or on the go, using their mobile phone or tablet. And, of course, they can shop in our stores. New this year, we've introduced a Virtual Toy Store in partnership with Mattel Canada."

SHOP RIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS

Here's a holiday shopping checklist to help keep things organized and simple.

- Set a holiday budget and make a list for gifts and stocking stuffers.
- Get children to be as specific as possible about the toys they want.
- Research gifts and other holiday items online or in stores so you know exactly what you are going to buy for whom, how much it's all going to cost and where you can get it.
- Use the Walmart "Holiday Checklist" to help you remember all the different purchases you need to make this year.

- Leave the kids at home when you shop. Find a babysitter — perhaps take care of a friend's kids while they shop and vice versa.

- Shop when it suits your schedule.

Walmart, with 372 stores across Canada, has extended shopping hours through the holiday season with some stores opening as early as 7 a.m. and staying open as late as 11 p.m. Check with the store nearest you. Also, everyone can shop online 24/7.

- Dress comfortably when you go shopping. Leave your coat in the car if possible,



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wear comfortable shoes (not heavy snow boots), and use a shopping cart.

- Bring your shopping list and cross off items as you buy them. Print a shopping list out at walmart.ca.
- In store, decide on a plan of attack rather than wander all the aisles. At Walmart, the signage in toys is colour co-ordinated to help you navigate the department. The overhead signage for merchandise for girls, for example, is pink.
- Consider shopping online for big box items that might be awkward to carry

around. Plus, Walmart.ca is offering free delivery on thousands of items so there is no stress or bother, Anthony says.

- Check out the "Holiday Magic Planner" at Walmart.ca. It's an eight-week planner with helpful hints such as decorating on a budget and gift giving ideas for the whole family.
- Remember to take time to enjoy the beauty of the holidays as well. Plan fun activities for the family such as a tree trimming night, a skating party and baking cookies together.



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VIRTUAL TOY STORE PROVIDED A COOL, 'NOW' EXPERIENCE

Walmart Canada and Mattel Canada opened a Virtual Toy Store in downtown Toronto together — and the colourful and exciting mobile-commerce undertaking was fun and convenient for shoppers, according to Cheri Anthony, director of merchandising for toys at Walmart Canada.

The exclusive Virtual Toy Store, the first in Canada, was open for about a month in the PATH. The store consisted of two "windows" of three-dimensional,

life-size images of Mattel toys. Customers simply scanned the QR code of the toy with their smartphone, then used a mobile app to buy the product from Walmart Canada, which provided free shipping.

There were 45 toys in the virtual store for infants and preschoolers up to older boys and girls.

"We anticipated the best of the best toys for the holiday season," explains Samantha Taylor, director of sales,

Mattel Canada.

What did passersby see in the store windows? The range of toys included Barbie Dreamhouse, Monster High High School, Hot Wheels Mega Loop Mayhem, WWE Brawlin' Buddies, Little People Disney Princess Songs Palace and Power Wheels Dune Racer.

"Shopping at the Virtual Toy Store was a cool, 'now' experience," Taylor says. "It was all about making shopping fun and convenient."

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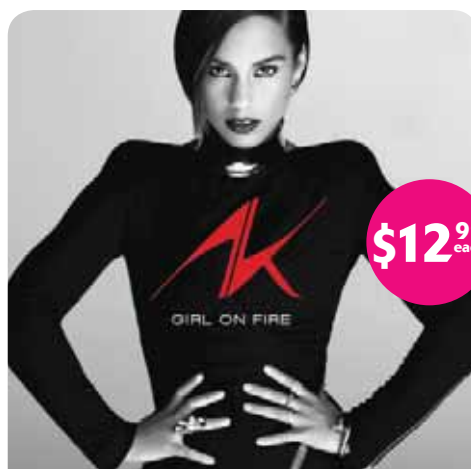
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iPod Touch — \$299 and up
All the features of an iPhone without the actual phone. Apple's iPod Touch remains one of the best MP3 players on the market, probably due to the fact you can do so much with it. Play games, download apps, or video chat with loved ones. The new stylish design and retina



screen ensure this will be a hit on Christmas morning.

Samsung Galaxy Player 4.2 — \$179.99

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Belkin Bluetooth Music Receiver — \$49.95

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Soundfreak Sound Kick — \$99.99

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Monster Inspiration Over-Ear Headphones — \$349.99

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included so you can take calls on your smartphone without missing a beat. You can also swap out the headband for a more personalized look.



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Soundfreak Sound Kick — \$99.99

Great sound without breaking the bank. This portable Bluetooth speaker not only gives you seven hours of play on a single charge, it also features a USB port so you can charge your MP3 player or smartphone. Brilliant!



Sony XBA Balanced Armature Sports Earbuds — \$99.99

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How to pick the top toys for value



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As parents, we want to make good decisions on how we spend our money and the value we receive in return, especially when it comes to toys.

A new toy can become "old" very quickly as the toy is no longer interesting or the kids have mastered or



outgrown it. A trip to the local toy store, especially over the holidays, can be quite overwhelming for parents — there are thousands of toys available.

Here are a few quick tips

to keep in mind as you boldly and confidently choose the perfect toys this holiday season.

Determine the toy's age appropriateness

Every age and every stage of development requires different challenges and support. Evaluate the "fit" for your child in terms of age, maturity, developmental level, and where their interests lie.

Evaluate the educational component/value

Look for toys that teach more than one thing and can be used in several different ways. For example, building blocks can teach ABCs, colours and spatial relations, and are also used to build unlimited structures. Similarly, construction sets allow unlimited creations and activities for months and years to come.

Can the toy grow with your child?

You want toys that have utility across several different age ranges. My baby uses blocks because they are colourful and visually exciting and my eight-year-old uses the same blocks to build forts. I think that's good value for money.

Look for problem-solving opportunities

This is why I love puzzles. The best way for children to learn is with puzzles, and they are fun. Puzzles help to develop the all-important logical and abstract "out-of-box" think-

ing. Puzzles, sorters and stackers are great options.

Encourage imagination

Creative play is another important consideration. By about three years old, storytelling, dress-up and make-believe are a big part of playtime. These activities help formulate their ideas and build literacy skills.

In a nutshell, you want toys that support and augment the learning process with a high fun factor.

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Toy selection can be overwhelming, but there are ways to get great value out of the toys you buy for your children. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Stay calm. Planning for the unexpected

Hosting friends and family, dealing with unexpected guests, and throwing an impromptu dinner party can leave any host feeling frazzled during the holiday season. Advanced planning and the right tools will ensure that your guests always feel welcome and are left wondering how you managed to pull off that last-minute gathering.

During the busiest time of the year, always expect the unexpected guest and keep the following on hand:

- Stock up on frozen hors d'oeuvres. Keep a couple packages of hors d'oeuvres in your freezer so you can pop them in the oven.
- Hide a sweeper with disposable cloths in the closet. When a friend lets you know they're just around the corner, you can quickly sweep before they pull into the driveway or clean up quickly

and efficiently after the party.

- Keep a few bottles of sparkling wine chilling in the fridge along with a couple of bottles of vodka and plenty of ice in the freezer. Add a splash of cranberry juice or a handful of frozen berries and you have a festive cocktail in a flash.

- Put out lots of candles — there is no such thing as enough! Lighting a scented candle can both mask unwanted odours — in case you just burnt a batch of cookies — and create a welcoming holiday ambience.

- Decorate with fresh potted flowers. Flowers help to make your home beautiful and elegant. For the holidays, fill rooms with beautiful amaryllis which is chic and luxe and comes in white and peach as well. For a more traditional look use red and white poinsettias.

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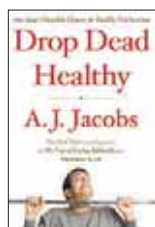
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A rundown of the top books that are sure to engross any man on your gift list this Christmas.

The Racketeer

John Grisham, Random House, \$28.95, Paperback.

In this wickedly clever new novel from the master of the legal thriller, judge Raymond Fawcett is found dead in his remote lakeside cabin and one man, Malcolm Bannister,



Drop Dead Healthy: One Man's Humble Quest for Bodily Perfection

A.J. Jacobs, Simon & Schuster, \$18.99, Paperback.

Jacobs, editor-at-large at Esquire magazine, explores every aspect of the body in this New York Times Best-seller and, over the course of two years, subjects himself to a grueling yet entertaining regimen of exercise, diets and

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experiments in his quest to makeover his body and become the healthiest person in the world. Part memoir, part adventure, part how-to manual, the book is not only informative and inspiring but a tremendously good laugh.

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Will Ferguson, Penguin Group Canada, \$20, Paperback.

Winner of the 2012 Scotiabank Giller Prize, this novel is described as both epic in its sweep and intimate in its portrayal of human endurance. Author Ferguson, an internationally bestselling travel writer, takes readers deep into the labyrinth of lies that

is the world's most insidious Internet scam. Lives intersect. Worlds collide and it all begins with a single email: "Dear Sir, I am the daughter of a Nigerian diplomat and I need your help."

Mortality

Christopher Hitchens, McClelland & Stewart, \$22.99, Hardcover.

Based on award-winning columnist Hitchens' columns in Vanity Fair that chronicled his year-and-a-half battle with esophageal cancer, Mortality is the writer's most honest and reflective. Throughout the course of his ordeal, which ended with his death in December 2011, Hitchens

bravely refused the solace of religion, preferring to confront death with both eyes open.

Cloud Atlas

David Mitchell, Knopf Canada, \$24.95, Paperback.

In this captivating 2004 novel (from which the current science fiction drama starring Halle Berry and Tom Hanks was adapted), award-winning British author David Mitchell erases the boundaries of language, genre and time to offer a meditation on humanity's dangerous will to power

and where it may lead us through six nested stories spanning centuries and continents.

Whirl Away: Stories

Russell Wangersky, Thomas Allen Publishers, \$21.95, Paperback.

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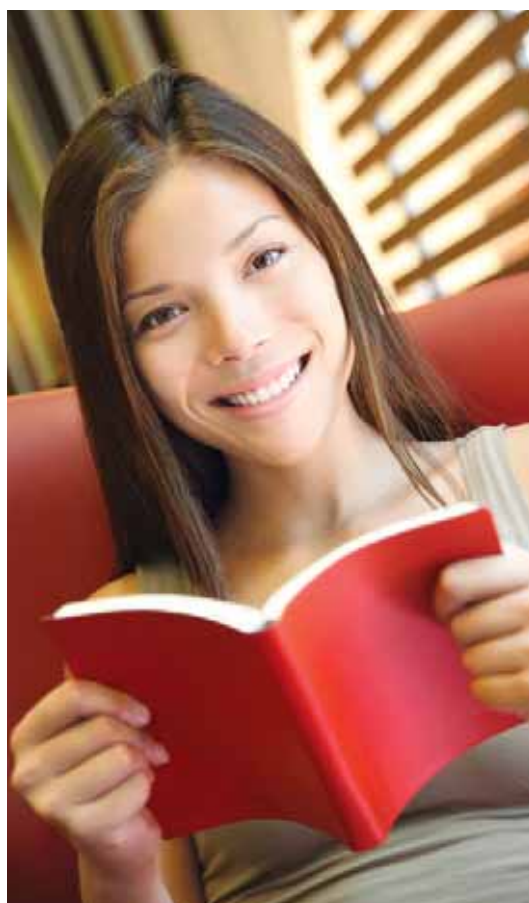
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Best bets for teen book-lovers



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Here, a selection of the best books to leave under the Christmas tree, or in a stocking, for those hard-to-buy-for teens in your life this holiday season.

All of the books are also available as eBooks.

Beautiful Redemption

Kami Garcia, \$21, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, Hardcover.

The fourth and final book in the Beautiful Creatures series is filled with plot twists that'll keep teen readers turning the pages. The book follows the journey of small-town teen Ethan Wate who falls in love with Lena Duchannes, a girl with supernatural powers that unveil a secretive and cursed side to Ethan's hometown. It's been declared a spell-binding love story.



The Diviners

Libba Bray, \$24, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, Hardcover.

This supernatural thriller set in Jazz Age New York centers on Evangeline O'Neill, a 17-year-old from small town Ohio who is sent to live with her uncle in Manhattan. Adventure ensues. This book is the first instalment in a series.



The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky, \$12, MTV Books, Paperback.

A critically acclaimed coming-of-age novel, narrated by "Charlie" — a shy and introverted teen who writes a series of letters to an anonymous person describing various scenes in his life — explores topics of sexuality, introversion, drugs and the awkwardness of adolescence.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Jeff Kinney, \$13, Harry N. Abrams, Hardcover.

The first in a series of innovatively illustrated books of the same name, this realistic fiction novel about a boy named Greg Hefley and his struggles in middle school was named a New York Times bestseller when it was released in hardcover in 2007.

Tilt

Ellen Hopkins, \$22, Margaret K. McElderry Books, Hardcover.

A riveting novel from New York Times best-selling author, Ellen Hopkins, follows three teens whose stories are interconnected through their parents' family relationships.

And try these stocking stuffers:

There is no Dog
Meg Rosoff, \$13, Doubleday Canada, Paperback.

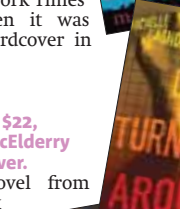
In this darkly funny novel,

the protagonist is God, who happens to be a 19-year-old boy living in the present day.

Don't Turn Around

Michelle Gagnon, \$20, HarperCollins Publishers, Hardcover.

This is the story of Noa, a 16-year-old who has been a victim of the system since her parents died, who holds the key to a terrible secret and there are those who'd stop at nothing to silence her for good.



Unraveling Isobel

Eileen Cook, \$18.99, Simon Pulse, Hardcover.

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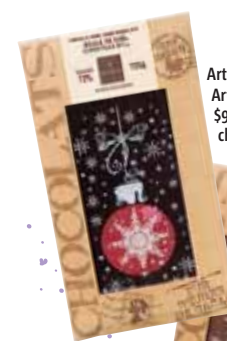
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- Build ingredients in a highball glass. Stir well. Garnish with a lime.



Caramel Candy Appletini

- 2 oz Smirnoff Kissed Caramel Vodka
- 1.5oz Apple Juice
- 0.25 oz Lemon Juice
- 0.25 oz Simple Syrup
- Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake well. Strain into martini glass. Garnish with thin apple slices and a caramel rim.



Creamy Orange

- 2 oz. Smirnoff Whipped Cream Flavored Vodka
- 4 oz. orange soda
- Mix ingredients in a cocktail shaker and serve in a glass with ice. Garnish with an orange wedge.

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These also make a lovely hostess gift. NEWS CANADA PHOTO

Recipe. Luscious Shortbread Caramel Chocolate Pecan Squares

These luscious squares are perfect at the holidays when time is tight but you need to bake for guests. They also make a lovely hostess gift. Package them up in a tin with some ribbon and they'll never guess you used cookie mix.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 pkg (500 g) PC Shortbread Cookie Mix
- 34 individually wrapped caramel squares
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) 35% whipping cream
- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) toasted pecan halves
- 2 bars (each 100 g) milk chocolate, chopped

Instructions:

1 Preheat oven to 325 F (160 C). Line rimmed 17 x 11-inch (43 x 28 cm) baking sheet with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on two opposite sides.

2 In large bowl and using electric mixer, beat butter until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add cookie mix; beat on low speed for 30 seconds or until combined. Increase speed to medium; beat

for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until mixture forms a mass. Dough will be soft. Place dough on prepared baking sheet. Place another sheet of parchment paper on top; using rolling pin, flatten dough evenly on baking sheet. Discard top layer of parchment paper.

3 Bake in centre of oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden. Cool on baking sheet.

4 Meanwhile, unwrap caramels; place in saucepan and cook over medium-low heat for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until smooth. Stir in cream. Remove from heat. Immediately pour over warm shortbread base. Tilt baking sheet to evenly distribute caramel. Sprinkle pecans evenly over surface.

5 Place chocolate in microwave safe bowl. Heat in microwave on High for 1 minute or until fully melted. Stir until smooth. Place in zippered plastic bag. Cut tip of one corner off; drizzle chocolate over pecans. Place in refrigerator to set.

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Turn your party into a Hope event

Charity. Hosting a holiday bash? Now you can add a feel-good element to your fun



Looking to do something meaningful this time of year?

While you could collect food for your local food bank or sign up to serve a holiday meal to the homeless, you could also turn your annual holiday open house into a Hosting for Hope event.

Hosting for Hope, which is a partnership initiative between the Canadian Women's Foundation and HomeSense, is a national event in which your party, brunch, lunch, tea or any other holiday party this season can be turned into a

fundraiser for local women's shelters and violence prevention programs.

"We're hoping that Canadians, who will already be throwing parties this season regardless, could register their party at hostingforhope.ca and then ask the guests to make a donation instead of bringing a bottle of wine," says Tamara Robbins Griffith, public relations manager for Toronto-based HomeSense.

Those hosting the parties register with a \$50 contribution to the initiative and from there they can send e-vites, messages and post pictures of their event. In turn, HomeSense will send a \$25 thank you gift card to the host.

The site is also home for a number of party planning tips — such as how to dress up your powder room for the event, to how to make your own cake stand, to ideas for

a good party playlist, and on the flipside, also allows you to find a shelter near you where your money would go as well as detailing exactly how your donation will be spent.

This is the first year of the initiative and Robbins Griffith hopes it'll prove successful and turn into an annual event.

"We're trying to make it as easy as possible," adds Robbins Griffith. "This is a way to feel really good about the consumerism of the season. We know you're going to spend money throwing your party but wouldn't you rather have your guests make a donation that goes to local women's shelters and violence prevention programs in your community instead of bringing you potentially a hostess gift that you don't need?"

"It's not a big ask and it will make people feel really good while having fun."

GIVE GIFTS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE WORLD

Meet Susan, a young girl who will never need charity again. Growing up in the Maasai Mara region of Kenya, she faced enormous obstacles to break out of the cycle of poverty. She needed access to an education, clean water and sanitation, good health, nutritious food, and an alternative income for her family. All of these, not just one, helped set Susan free.

As the co-founder of Free The Children, Craig Kielburger has learned that there are no magic bullets to end poverty. But there are plenty of great silver bullets that,

together, can get the job done.

In the last 17 years, Free The Children has cultivated holistic and interconnected international and domestic programming. With a belief in high transparency, the organization engages families, businesses and individuals who can adopt a village and even visit it through its partner, Me to We.

Once that community reaches self-sustainability, Free The Children leaves with the knowledge that it will continue to thrive.

For you, making a real impact can start this holiday season. With the Holiday Wish-

ing Well campaign, you can give so much with so little — from a goat to farming tools to clean water for life. Best of all, Free The Children's remarkably low administration rate means that, on average, 90 per cent of your donations support their programming.

Purchase from the holiday catalogue and receive a printable card or e-card.

Please visit freethechildren.com/wishing to get started. Because there are many more children like Susan who deserve to never need charity again.



Free The Children co-founder Craig Kielburger asks you to give meaningfully this holiday season.

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CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

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BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR A CHILD WITH STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

For more than 20 years, Starlight Children's Foundation has been transforming the lives of Canadian children with a serious illness or life-altering injury.

What makes Starlight unique is that they are there for the child throughout their journey — from the emergency room to recovery.

While in-hospital, Starlight provides entertainment and distraction from the stress and boredom of hospitalization.

When out-of-hospital, Starlight children and their families benefit from the Escapes and Adventure programs — offering time to have fun together and to leave the sick behind.

"Thank you to Starlight for making my battle against cancer easier by giving me fun events to look forward to," says nine-year-old Trev.

"Those moments when some happiness is brought to your child are huge. It

gave us strength to see him smile," says Charlene, Trev's mom.

Featured Starlight gifts include:

Abblicious Bear (\$20) — The adorable Abblicious Bear will put comfort right into the arms of a child.

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YOU CAN BRING HOPE AND CHANGE

WITH GIFTS OF HOPE FROM PLAN CANADA

Thinking of giving your child's teachers or daycare employees a more meaningful gift this year?

If so, then maybe charitable gift giving is for you. It was for Ruth Pogue and her husband, Greg McLean, who opted to give their children's teachers Gifts of Hope through Plan Canada rather than yet another coffee mug and gift card. Gifts of Hope is Plan Canada's ethical gift giving program focused on bringing change and hope to communities in need.

"I was looking for something different to give," says the Calgary-based Pogue. "And I'd just received a Plan Canada catalogue for Gifts of Hope in the mail. I

started thumbing through it and there were some great gifts in there for \$25 to \$30 so I started giving those at Christmastime to teachers."

For Pogue it was a way to give a gift with more impact — after all, Plan, a non-profit charity, reaches more than 90,000 communities and 174.2 million people around the world. "What I like about Plan is that a lot of their Gifts of Hope are providing solutions to people, be it water or nutrition or maternity clinics," Pogue adds. "So they're enduring gifts or opportunities to help on an ongoing basis."

That's the intention of these gifts, notes Jeff Cornett, Plan Canada's vice-president of donor marketing. "Whether it is clean water for a family, a mango tree for a classroom to teach children gardening skills, or a goat that will provide milk, nourishment, and a source of income for a



Ruth Pogue with her husband, Greg McLean.

PLAN CANADA PHOTO

family, these gifts create a real difference in the lives of children and can help lift entire communities out of poverty."

Last year's enduring gift that Pogue selected was the peanut butter project, a gift that, for \$35, helps provide a valuable source of protein for growing children, and supports local businesses as well. The gift funded women's peanut butter co-operatives whose work included processing the peanuts, and also provided them with training in business and marketing.

While the catalogue is available online at plangifts.com, you can also order the gifts by phone at 1-800-387-1418 or mail in the catalogue order form. And along with giving the gift, Plan also followed up and sent Pogue and fellow donors updates about how some of the projects were faring.

"With Plan Canada, I feel like there really is a plan," Pogue says.

"It's helping these communities to further themselves. You feel your money is going to something worthy."

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

When donating to charities, many of us pick a donation area that's significant to us. And it's the ability to direct donations that donors like Kathy Crowell enjoy when she purchases a Gift of Hope through the non-profit charity Plan Canada.

Gifts of Hope is Plan Canada's ethical gift giving program focused on bringing change and hope to communities in need.

"I've given my sister Gifts of Hope for the past few years as Christmas gifts," Crowell says.

"I've always given livestock as she is a true animal lover."

Gifts of Hope allow donors to direct funds and engage in Plan's key areas of work such as education, health, clean water, micro-finance and livelihood, and disaster and emergency response.

Many of Plan Canada's gifts also have a donation matching system in which contributions can be matched with a donation from generous funding partners. For example, a \$70 donation to provide maternity beds and supplies has a 6-to-1 match ratio, meaning a \$70 donation actually ends up having a value of \$490.

While a number of Gifts of Hope continue to be popular — such as a mango tree (\$15 each, 10 for \$120), classroom essentials (\$17 for one child, \$250 for an entire classroom) to even purchasing a goat (\$75 each, \$775/herd), which can help provide income and food for families — this year, Plan Canada has also added a number of new gifts. These include: Newborn checkup (\$12); help orphaned children affected by HIV (\$75); build and stock a school kitchen (\$500); and more.



Kathy Crowell in the Virunga mountains with students who are learning a traditional dance.

PLAN CANADA PHOTO

"In addition, this year anyone who purchases a Gift of Hope will be entered to win a trip to Tanzania in 2013 to see Gifts of Hope in action," says Jeff Cornett, Plan Canada's vice-president of donor marketing.

That's what Crowell had a chance to do last year when she travelled to Rwanda

through the organization.

"We were able to see the school that was being built, a clinic, a livestock co-op and a micro-financing project," she says.

"Plan Canada is truly making a difference in the world — these Gifts of Hope work. My experience in Rwanda was life-changing."

FIVE GIFTS FOR LESS THAN \$50

Here are five gifts less than \$50 you can get through Plan Canada's Gifts of Hope program.

NEWBORN CHECKUP (\$12): To help support workers who visit moms and their newborns in the first three days of the baby's birth, this kind of checkup can help improve infant mortality rates.

3 BABY CHICKS (\$17): Once they start laying eggs, chickens become an instant source of income, often for women. They are also an important teaching tool for young girls to learn livestock management skills.

GIRLS' HYGIENE ESSENTIALS (\$25): This gift is essential and can be handed out in critical times such as war/conflict or a natural disaster.

ANTI-MALARIA BED NETS (\$30): These nets are locally made and can cover an entire family to help prevent the spread of malaria.

ENDLESS HARVEST (\$40): An all-in-one gift that provides gardening essentials such as seeds, tools and training in pest control and farm management.

EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS (\$50): For natural disasters or emergencies of any kind, this gift allows Plan to get into a crisis zone fast to help distribute clean water, tarps, high-energy food rations, hygiene supplies and more.

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Ketty, 12, from Uganda.

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HELP FREE OTHERS FROM CYCLE OF POVERTY

Pamela is eight years old, but she looks about 4½. Pamela has severe cerebral palsy and spends most of her days lying inside her house. At five months, Pamela contracted malaria. Her grandma took her to the hospital for treatment, but it wasn't soon enough to prevent brain damage.

Ketty is 12. She goes to school, but it's hard to say how long she will continue. She isn't treated very well there. The other children tease her. They call her "Angwas," which means "lame girl."

Ketty leans heavily on a stick to take the weight off her foot. If Ketty has to

walk to school or to the market, her foot and leg get really sore.

When she was just two, Ketty contracted malaria and the doctor gave her an injection of quinine. But the needle hit and deadened a nerve in Ketty's leg, and her foot was left permanently "dropped" or floppy. Drop foot is a growing problem throughout malaria-endemic Africa.

"In the future, I want to be a doctor ... so other children won't have sore legs," Ketty says. "And, mostly, I want to walk without a stick."

This Christmas Day, more than 2,500

children will die of malaria. Thousands more will survive, but they will be left with a lifelong disability.

cbm is the world leader in freeing moms, dads and children from the cycle of poverty and disability, including the kind of disability left behind by malaria.

This Christmas, just \$10 will give a child like Ketty or Pamela a mosquito net. The net has been fortified with a mosquito repellent so it's extra effective.

Visit **cbm's** online gift catalogue at givejoy.ca. What an extraordinary gift of ability and joy this Christmas.

DOGS AROUND THE WORLD NEED YOUR HELP

WITH REALLY WILD GIFTS FROM WSPA

Around the world, people and dogs live together. In some communities, however, that bond is being tested.

Every year, more than 20 million dogs are brutally killed, and fear of rabies is often used as the excuse. That's 38 dogs killed every minute. People think it will stop rabies, but it doesn't.

Through the Collars Not Cruelty campaign, WSPA works with local partners and authorities to stop the killing of dogs and instead sets up vaccination clinics. In turn, the dogs are vaccinated against rabies and given a bright red collar so the community knows these dogs are safe, preventing them from being killed, and protecting everyone from rabies.

Really Wild Gifts are environmentally friendly gifts that help protect animals. This holiday season give a gift and save a dog. By purchasing a Really Wild Gift,

you could help buy vaccinations for all the dogs in one small village in Bangladesh or help pay for 15 dogs to be vaccinated and receive a red collar.

When you buy a gift, you also receive: WSPA customizable e-card; WSPA desktop wallpaper; holiday gift tags; and Really Wild DIY Origami.

WSPA Canada is a registered charity, and Really Wild Gifts are eligible for tax receipts. Send tail-wagging gifts at ReallyWildGifts.ca.

Buy a gift. Save a life.



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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

SECOND HARVEST FEEDS NEIGHBOURS IN NEED YEAR-ROUND

By the end of 2012, meal programs across Canada will have served nearly 50 million meals to people requiring food assistance, according to a HungerCount 2012 report. Meanwhile, the Cut Waste, Grow Profit 2012 report states Canadians will have wasted \$27 billion worth of food.

As the largest food rescue organization in Canada, Second Harvest works year-round to stop that injustice from happening.

Second Harvest rescues mainly fresh and frozen food from grocery stores, manufacturers and restaurants that would otherwise go to waste, and delivers that food to 215 community agencies in Toronto. Through those agencies, 19,000 healthy meals are provided to hungry children, adults and seniors every day.

Since 1985, Second Harvest has rescued and delivered 84 million pounds of food and counting — 7.2 million



Tessa White cooks up healthy, rescued food at East Scarborough Boys & Girls Club, a Second Harvest partner agency.

PLEXMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

pounds in the last year thanks to hundreds of local food donors, more than 1,600 volunteers, countless financial donors and the support of its partner community agencies.

There are many ways you can join Second Harvest in making a difference in the lives of hungry Torontonians this holiday season or throughout the year.

- Make a gift to support rescue and delivery of good food, and community-based programs.
- Donate a turkey at Turkey Drive in local Loblaws stores this weekend.
- Sign up to participate with Lunch Money Days (lunchmoneymoneydays.com).
- Volunteer your time at one of Second Harvest's events, or join them to sort and deliver food.

Visit secondharvest.ca to learn more about any of these opportunities.

MOORELANDS GIVES KIDS A GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

At this very moment, children on a long waiting list have their fingers and toes crossed, hoping to get into one of Moorelands' after-school, leadership and camp programs. They live in some of Toronto's poorest neighbourhoods and, often, enriching opportunities that wealthier children get to enjoy just don't come their way.

This season, you can change their luck.

You can give them a gift that will bring joy, not just for one holiday, but for a whole year to come and beyond. Every donation to Moorelands helps, no matter how big or small.

For 100 years, Moorelands, a registered Canadian charity, has been helping children build confidence, competence and character. "Our programs teach and model life strategies that help children prepare for the challenges of adulthood," says Dagmar Schroeder, director of development at Moorelands. "Moorelands inspires children to take healthy risks in life, to believe in themselves, their worth, and their abilities."

"At Moorelands, I learned to be optimistic in life," says Stephanie, a young



MOORELANDS PHOTO

Moorelander. "I learned to persevere in everything I do.

"I never heard a word of discouragement, instead, I heard lots of encouraging (sic)," she adds. "Because of Moorelands, I am a much more successful person."

This season, help some hard-working kids who are limited by their family's incomes. Give them a gift of opportunity — just like the one Stephanie received, and watch them transform their futures.

To make a donation of any size, visit moorelands.ca.

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With your support Second Harvest can provide festive meals to 36,000 hungry people. Thank you.

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HELP GIVE OTHERS THE POWER OF SIGHT

In low-income countries, blindness is tied to poverty. Millions could see if only they had access to care. When you give the power of sight, you provide access to education, employment and a better life.

Eighty per cent of all visual impairment is avoidable through prevention, treatment or cure.

Seva Canada, an international development organization, has worked for 30 years to restore sight and prevent blindness in low-income countries by creating local, sustainable programs that achieve long-term change.

This holiday season you can help a blind person see. Someone like Tsering, a blind Tibetan girl. At nine years old, Tsering suffered from devastating, vision loss due to cataracts. As she struggled with her studies, Tsering's classmates tormented and bullied her, giving her the name "trash girl."

Last year, Tsering had successful cataract surgery on one of her eyes at a Seva eye camp. Now 10, Tsering returned to the Seva eye camp, still shy and recovering from the emotional trauma of being bullied.

"I saw things much better and gained some respect from my schoolmates," she

whispered, leaning against her mother. "I hope that my other eye can be treated this time and I can be more normal at school."

Two-hundred-and-eighty-five million people worldwide are visually impaired. Of those, 39 million are blind with 90 per cent living in low-income countries struggling for life's most basic needs. Two-thirds are women and girls. It doesn't need to be this way. This is a solvable crisis. We already have the answers. This holiday season, give the power of sight.

— Penny Lyons,
executive director, Seva Canada

DEFINE THE SEASON BY GIVING AND SHARING

WITH A DONATION TO THE YONGE STREET MISSION

"We got a delicious home-cooked meal with real vegetables, salad and pie," says Sarah, who lives in a rooming house with her son and cooks on a hot plate. "We sat at a table that was all decorated and had nice people around us. We got none of that at home."

For as little as \$3.11, you can help people like Sarah again this year and show her that the season is really defined by acts of giving and sharing. With the help of the community, the Yonge Street Mission works to ensure that Dec. 25 is always special.

Your generosity brings the community together as meals are served, carols are sung, and gifts are exchanged. It can be hard for vulnerable Torontonians to be cheerful when food and clothing are scarce. At the mission, Christmas is about seeing people work together on a grand stage.

Donors are thanked for every \$3.11 they generously give, knowing that this Christmas, somebody will receive a warm, cooked meal.

Kindness during Christmas leaves lasting impressions.

"My son's birthday is at Christmas. At the banquet, the staff surprised him with a piece of cake and made him feel special. Thank you for the happy memories," Sarah says.

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PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER FOUNDATION PHOTO

REACH OUT WITH A DOVE OF HOPE

FOR THE PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER FOUNDATION

The Doves of Hope campaign for The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation is one of its most successful community fundraising ventures. In the past 10 years, more than 55,000 Doves of Hope have been dedicated to people touched by cancer.

What makes the Doves of Hope so popular? It's because cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and family members are given hope by these doves and what they represent. This year the goal is for a minimum of 11,000 Doves of Hope to be dedicated to loved ones, colleagues and caregivers.

"The message of hope resonates with everyone who comes through the hospital," says Margaret Goldby, the director of Internet and social media for The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

That includes the survivors who were given the hope that their doctors would do everything in their power to find the right treatment for their type of cancer, as well as those who have lost family members but knew their doctors tried everything they could.

Goldby knows from personal experience how good it feels to honour someone with a Dove of Hope. In 1988, she underwent a bone marrow transplant at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, which successfully treated her leukemia. "Last year I donated a dove

online and dedicated it to my doctor, and I've done it again this year," she says.

Doves of Hope donations are used to support the life-saving, cancer-conquering work being performed at The Princess Margaret. One of the world's most renowned centres for cancer research, The Princess Margaret conducts the largest number of clinical trials in Canada and is a leader in personalized cancer medicine.

No Doves of Hope donation is too small, and those of \$15 and more will be issued a tax receipt. When you decorate and dedicate a Dove of Hope, it will be displayed online in the virtual Dove Gallery. Friends and family will be able to search for it and read the heartfelt message you wrote.

Donating a dove in someone's honour or memory at Christmas is a wonderful way to acknowledge them at this special time of year.

"A Doves of Hope donation reflects the spirit of giving throughout the year, but especially during the holidays," says Goldby.

HOW TO DONATE

Doves can be designed and dedicated at dovesofhope.ca/metro, then featured in a virtual display in The Princess Margaret's atrium alongside paper versions of the doves. You can email your dove to the person it's dedicated to as a holiday gift, share it on Facebook or Twitter or simply write a message in memory of someone special.

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SCENE 2



The Hobbit is a coming-of-age story for Bilbo Baggins. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN**Too much tech.** The tale of the beginning of Lord of the Rings is overshadowed by 48 frames per second

Richard: Ned, as much as the story and performances, people will be talking about the presentation of the movie. Shot and projected at 48 frames a second — twice the industry standard — the picture is so vivid, so pristine, it doesn't really look like a movie. Combine that with the 3D and it's like watching mega high-definition. Every goblin wart and troll blemish is distinct enough to give dermatologists everywhere nightmares. What did you think of the mega-super-hi-definition look?

Ned: I have to say, the 48 frames per second was a problem for me. It often looked

somewhere between a super-high definition 1980s BBC miniseries and a video game, and it just felt utterly un-cinematic. Saying that it doesn't really look like a movie hits the nail on the head. Christopher Nolan has harped on in the past about film having a "warmth" that video can't replicate, and I think I see what he means here. But the biggest crime, I think, is that the sweeping shots of the New Zealand landscape looked fake.

RC: Perhaps it's like the difference between vinyl or CD. I prefer the warm sound of old-school vinyl to the hard digital reproduction of CD. The pops and skips are part of the experience, just as film blur and grain are a part of watching 35 mm projected on the big screen. Having said that, Gollum is awesome at 48 frames a second. The extended scene (for the record, most of the scenes in the film

could be called extended), in which Bilbo and Gollum meet and trade riddles is one of the highlights of the film thanks to Serkis' astounding motion capture performance.

NE: That scene is the true highlight of the film, and it coincidentally is where Martin Freeman, as the younger Bilbo, really shines as well. But even with this standout, Peter Jackson and company manage to spoil it (for me at least) by overdoing Gollum's last line to beat the viewer over the head with another reminder that all this leads to the Lord of the Rings. It's a bad habit running through the film that grows tedious. Elijah Wood's cameo is particularly clumsy in this regard, with him basically describing what he's going to do in his first scene in Fellowship of the Ring and then running off to do it.

RC: It may be clumsy, but I think fans of the series will

Synopsis

The prequel to the immensely popular Lord of the Rings films is a coming-of-age story for Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), a stay-at-home hobbit from Bag End, in Hobbiton in the Shire. He's content with his quiet life until Gandalf (Ian McKellen), a wizard, recruits him to help a group of 13 dwarves in their quest to reclaim their former home, the Lonely Mountain, and its treasure from the dragon Smaug.

• Richard: ●●●●

• Ned: ●●●●

revel at the chance of revisiting the characters!

NE: Well, they'll have plenty of chances. If you like this one, the good news is it's just the first of three movies.

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Barbra Streisand shares her secrets

The Guilt Trip.

Multi-talented entertainer dishes about the film industry, Seth Rogen and getting scripts



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Barbra Streisand is many things — an acclaimed actress, singer, director and writer, political activist and philanthropist — but most of all she's a woman not afraid to speak her mind. So what wisdom did Streisand have to impart while promoting the *Guilt Trip*?

The secret to her success is staying home

"I don't make that many movies and I don't make that many

appearances," she says. "That's it. Less is more. And maybe that keeps a little mystery or something. I like to stay home a lot."

She doesn't like where the film industry has been going

"It's not the same as when I last made a film. They're not interested in love stories or any movie that's over \$15 million. But it could be \$100 million, that's OK. Two hundred million is OK to lose," she laughs. "But movies that I'm used to making or liking, that draw me, they're movies that cost \$18 million, \$20 million, and they're not interested in those movies. It's a different time."

She doesn't actually get sent that many scripts to consider

"I don't. You see, everybody gets like that. 'She must get so many scripts, why would I

send it to her? She'll never get a chance to read it,'" Streisand laments. "Meanwhile I'll go, 'Where are the scripts?'"

Getting her to do *The Guilt Trip* required an actual guilt trip from director Anne Fletcher

"I remember ... I said to Anne, 'Would you make the movie without me?' And she said no," Streisand recalls. "I felt bad, guilty. I said, 'Oh no, she's not going to have this job.'"

While co-star Seth Rogen asked around about what working with Streisand would be like, she wasn't able to do any similar research.

"Seth, it turns out, sussed me out," she says. "He called people from the *Focker* movies. I didn't know who to call. I don't know any of those people from his movies, so what was I going to do?"



The Guilt Trip opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Drama/Comedy

Hyde Park on Hudson

Director. Roger Michell

Stars. Bill Murray, Laura Linney

Even a charming performance by Bill Murray can't quite save *Hyde Park on Hudson* from its own mismatched intent. One-part quasi-romantic drama between wartime President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) and a distant cousin/mistress (Linney) and one-part comedy about Roosevelt's 1939 relationship-building with the King of England, one wishes filmmaker Roger Michell had chosen the latter to base his beautifully-shot film around even in spite of some crafty dialogue and plotting.

STEVE GOW

Documentary

Meet the Fokkens

Director. Rob Schroder, Gabrielle Provaas

Stars. Louise Fokkens, Martine Fokkens

Despite its witty title, *Meet the Fokkens* has a darkness to it that the filmmakers only slightly explore. An alluring documentary exploring sexagenarian identical twins that have spent most of their life in Amsterdam's red-light district, the women (one of which is still working) are winsome and cute but the film only skirts at the shadowy past that sent the siblings into the skin trade — a choice that raises more questions than answers.

STEVE GOW

What's next in the Broadway to big screen adaptations?

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With *Les Misérables* hitting theatres Christmas Day, it'll mark just the latest Broadway hit to be brought to the big-screen. While fans must wait a little longer before checking out the adaptation, we wanted to examine other Broadway classics that have yet to be converted into cinematic gold.

The Book of Mormon

Conceived by funnyman Trey Parker and Matt Stone, *The Book of Mormon* isn't just the 2011 Tony Award champion; it's an unlikely

hit musical about missionaries in war-torn Uganda that mixes satire and song the way only the creators of TV's *South Park* can do.

Status: Although the comic duo announced eventual plans for a film version, Parker admitted they're in no rush, telling *Movieline*, "We'd have to really rethink it."

Avenue Q

Debuting from an experimental play in 2003, this *Sesame-Street-for-adults* show featuring politically-incorrect (and sometimes nude!) puppets struggling in Manhattan could amp it up even more for the

big screen.

Status: There have been rumours but no serious plans are in the works for a big-screen version. May I suggest someone call Jason Segel?

Jersey Boys

This musical biography may have debuted in San Diego but the story of 1960s singing group the Four Seasons has become one of Broadway's biggest box-office draws.

Status: Floating around Hollywood for years, *Jersey Boys* was to begin production in January (with *Iron Man*'s Jon Favreau

directing) until Warner Brothers' recently yanked the project. And so we wait.

Wicked

One of Broadway's longest running shows, *Wicked* visits the story of the Wizard of Oz from the witches' point of view. Having repeatedly broken box-office records since its 2003 debut, *Tinseltown* has taken notice.

Status: Under the direction of Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stephen Daldry (Billy Elliot), *Wicked* is likely to be the next movie musical — with a tentative release date set for 2014.

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Marion Cotillard's ethical dilemma

Rust and Bone. Actress who portrays Marineland worker was troubled by the realities of the world of aquatic entertainment

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In *Rust and Bone*, Marion Cotillard turns in a startling, moving performance as a killer whale trainer at Marineland — a Sea World-type amusement in the south of France — who loses her legs after an on-the-job accident. But playing a double-amputee wasn't nearly as difficult for the Oscar-winning actress as simply visiting the real-life Marineland. "I don't feel comfortable in a place like that," she admits.

"On my first day I arrived five minutes before the show. I watched it and I thought it was horrifying," she remembers. "And then my trainer turned to me after the show and said, 'Did you like it?' And I thought, how am I going to answer? Am I going to lie, am I going to tell the truth? And I couldn't lie. I said, 'No, I hated it, but I don't want you to think I'm disrespectful.'"

That didn't mean she couldn't connect with her character and feel at home in her wetsuit, though. "Those people, they have a passion. They're passionate about what they do, they love the animals, so they made my job easy because passion is contagious," she says. "But I will never go back to Marineland."

A lot of Cotillard's discomfort with the establishment reminds her of another film, *Finding Nemo*, and the unintended consequences of its popularity. "There was an explosion of sales of clownfish

after that movie. That was something that I really couldn't understand," she says. "The story of the movie is telling the audience don't take them out to put them in an aquarium, and that's exactly what happened. So sometimes, I don't know. I really wonder if those Sea World, Marineland places really make a difference."

Rust and Bone posed some physical challenges along with the ethical ones for Cotillard, but as it turns out those involved sea life as well. Cotillard remembers a day filming her character's revelatory swim far out from shore, relearning to trust in her abilities following her debilitating accident. "First of all it was freezing — it was late October," she says. "The camera was not working, and I knew that if I went back on the boat it would take longer, so I stayed in the water, and a jellyfish [stung] me. And man, it burns. And I didn't allow anyone to pee on me."

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The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 1:35-4:25-
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Bad Santa (STC) Sat 9:30
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12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:10-6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun
11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:10-
6:50-10:10
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri
2:10-5:10-8:20-10:45 Sat 12:55-3:25-5:55-
8:20-10:45 Sun 11:50-2:35-5:25-7:50-10:25
Mon-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:25-7:50-10:25
Midnight's Children (PG) Fri-Thu 2:35-
6:10-9:35
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Fri 2-7:10 Sat 4
Sun 3 Wed 2
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 1:45-
2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10:15
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
(STC) Thu 2-7:30-9:50
Ocean's Eleven (PG) Sun 5 Wed 4:30
Ocean's Thirteen (PG) Sun 9:50 Wed 9:35
Ocean's Twelve (PG) Sun 7:20 Wed 7
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri
1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11-1:50-4:25-
7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40

Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7:10-10:05
Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu
2-4:30-7:10-10:05
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 2:15-5:10-
7:50-10:45 Sat 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45
Sun-Tue 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Wed-Thu
2-4:40-7:20-10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:45-4:15
Sat-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:15 Mon-Tue
1:45-4:15
Rise of the Guardians: An IMAX 3D
Experience (G) Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Sat-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
The Sessions (14A) Fri 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55
Sat-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu
12:10-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sat
1:30-3:25-4:25-6:20-7:20-9:15-10:15 Sun
1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 Mon 12:30-1:30-
3:25-4:25-7:20-10:15 Tue 12:30-1:30-
3:25-4:25-6:20-7:20-9:15-10:15 Wed-Thu
12:30-3:25-6:20-9:15
Sinister (14A) Fri 2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40
Sat 11:50-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sun 11:15-
1:55-4:45-7:25-10:25 Mon-Tue 1:55-4:45-
7:25-10:25 Wed 1:55 Thu 10:25
Taken 2 (14A) Fri-Sat 8-10:40 Sun 7:15-
10:10 Tue 7:15-10:10
Talaash (PG) Fri-Thu 2:45-6-9-10
A Werewolf Boy (PG) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:55
Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu
2:25-6:35-9:55
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 1:55 Sat-Sun
11:20-1:55 Mon-Thu 1:55
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:35-
7:10-9:45
Yes: Live At Montreux (STC) Fri 9:45

TIFF Bell Lightbox 350 King St. West, 416-599-8433

Adrian Wootton on Dickens and Crime
Cinema (STC) Sun 3:45
Adrian Wootton On Dickens and Film
(STC) Sat 4:15
Armageddon (PG) Thu 9
Chasing Ice (PG) Fri-Sun 1-6 Mon 6 Tue-Wed
1-6 Thu 1
Children of Men (14A) Mon 9:15
Deadlier Than the Male (PG) Fri 9
Dickens in London (PG) Sun
Dickens on Film (PG) Sun 12:30
Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to
Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (PG)
Fri 6:30
The End of Time (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-
4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon 6:45-9:15 Tue-Thu
1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Entre les Bras (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:15-
8:30 Mon 6:15-8:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4-
6:15-8:30
Holy Motors (14A) Fri-Sun 3:15-8:15
Mon 8:15 Tue-Thu 3:15-8:15
The Life and Adventures of Nicholas
Nickelby (PG) Sun 6:45
Little Dorrit Part One: Nobody's Fault (G)
Sat 12:30
Logan's Run (14A) Sat 7
Melancholia (PG) Sun 9:30
Oliver Twist (PG) Mon 6:30
Phantasm (R) Sat 10
Phantom Lady (PG) Tue 6:30
The Quiet Earth (14A) Wed 9
Samsara (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon
7-9:30 Tue-Wed 2-4:30-7-9:30 Thu 1:15-
3:45-7-9:30
Screwge (PG) Thu 6:30
Zardoz (R) Tue 9

West End

Albion Cinemas 1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Khiladi 786 (PG) Fri-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
Talaash (PG) Fri-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:30

Queensway 1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Anna Karenina (14A) Fri 12:45-3:45-
6:50-9:50 Sat 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:50 Sun
12:45-3:45-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:30-
3:30-6:40-9:40
Argo (14A) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:40 Sat
7:45-10:40 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:40 Mon
1:30-4:40-10:30 Tue 1:30-4:40-7:35-10:35
Batman Returns (STC) Mon 7:30
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 12:35-
3:05-5:30-8:10-10:40

Hitchcock (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3-5:30-
8:10-10:50 Mon-Wed 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:15
Thu 2:35-5:10-10:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
(PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-1:05-3:40-4:55-7:25-
8:45-11:15 Mon-Thu 12:20-1:50-4:10-
5:40-8-9:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-3:15-7-10:45
Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25 Fri 1:50-2:40-
5:40-6:25-9:30-10:15 Sat 10:55-
1:50-2:40-5:40-6:25-9:30-10:15 Sun
1:05-2:20-4:55-6:10-8:45-10
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 12:50-3:20-
5:50-8:20-11 Sat 1:25-4-5:50-8:20-11 Sun
11:40-2:05-4:35-7:55-10:25 Mon-Tue
12:35-3:05-5:30-8:10-10:40 Wed 2:10-
4:45-7:15-9:45 Thu 2:10-4:45-7:45-9:45
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 12:55-4:10-7:35-
10:35 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:35 Sun
12:55-4:10-7:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:15-
4:15-7:10-10:10
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:05-6:35-9:55
Mon 12:25-3:40-6:30-10:20 Tue 12:25-
3:40-7-10:20 Wed 2:40-6:55-10:40 Thu
12:20-3:40-7-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:25-
2:50-5:20-7:50-10:30
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
(STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-
2:10-4:45-7:15-10 Mon-Tue 2:40-5:20-
8:05-10:40 Wed 1:40-4:20-10:35 Thu
1:40-4:20-7:15-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 12:05
Mon-Thu 12:30
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun
2:30-5:05-7:40-10:10 Mon-Tue 2:30-5:05-
7:30-9:55 Wed 2:30-5:05-7:30-9:50 Thu
2:30-5:05-7:35-9:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sun
1:20-4:25-7:30-10:30 Mon 12:50-3:45-
7:35-10:05 Tue 1:10-4:05-7:05-10:05
Wed-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:05-10:05
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12:30-1:10-3:50-4:30-7:10-
7:50-10:25-11:05 Sat 1-4:15-7:10-7:50-
10:25-11:05 Sun 12:30-1:10-3:50-4:30-
7:50-11 Mon 12:45-3:20-4-7:20-9:50-10:35
Tue 12:45-3:20-4-6:35-7:20-9:50-10:35
Wed 12:45-4-7:20-10:40 Thu 12:45-4-
7:20-10:35
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
(PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:25-5:15-8:05-10:55
Mon-Tue 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Wed-Thu
1:35-4:30-7:25-10:15
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 11:50 Sat 11:10
Sun 11:50 Mon-Tue 12:40 Wed 1:30-4:40-
7:35-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:30
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-
4:20-7:05-9:40 Mon-Tue 2:25-5:15-7:55-
10:30
WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs
(STC) Sun 8

Woodbine Centre 500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-
7:05-9:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri-Thu 12-1-4-4:30-7:30-8
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-
7:05-9:30 Wed-Thu 9:25
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-
3:45-6:45-9:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Thu The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
(PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6-9:35
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-3:55-
6:55-9:25 Wed-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:55
Kingsway Theatre
3030 Bloor St. West, 416-232-1939
Chasing Ice (PG) Fri-Thu 5-9
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri-Thu 2
Flight (18A) Fri-Thu 7
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Sat-Sun 11
The Intouchables (14A) Fri-Thu 3-7
Searching for Sugar Man (PG) Fri-Thu
12:30

Humber Cinema 2:2442 Bloor St. West, 416-232-1939

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri 6:30-9:10:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-3-5:30-

6:30-9:10:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10:15
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 7:15-9:20
Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45-7:15-9:20 Mon-Thu
7:15-9:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-
7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50

East End

Beach Cinemas 1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri-Sun 11-2:45-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu
3-6:50-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-3:1

Empress Walk
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) , Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) , Fri-Tue 12:10, Wed-Thu 12:10-3-6:30-9:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:45-5:10-8:10
Skyfall (PG) , Fri-Tue 12:20-1:30-3:40-5-6:50-8:15-10, Wed-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:50-10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) , Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40

SilverCity Yorkdale 6
3401 Dufferin St.,
416-444-3456
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri-Sun 2-5:50-9:30 Mon-Tue 12 Wed-Thu 12-1:30-5:15-9 Mon-Tue 1:30-5:15-9
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-3:15-7:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25 Tue 2:45-6:30-10:15 Sat 11-2:45-6:30-10:15 Sun 2:45-6:30-10:15
Mon-Thu 2:30-6:15-10 Fri-Sat 12-3:45-7:30-11:15 Sun 12-3:45-7:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-4:20-8
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50 Mon 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50 Tue 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sat 12:20-3-8:15 Sun 12:05-2:45-8 Mon-Thu 7:15 Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sat 5:40-11 Sun 5:25-10:45 Mon 12:40-10:05 Tue 4:40-10 Wed-Thu 4:40-10:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 11:30 Mon-Tue 2 Wed-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 12:10-2-4:30-7-9:30 Sat 2-4:30-7-9:30 Sun 12:10-2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25 Sat 11:10-1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:15
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Mon-Tue 2:20-5-7:40-10:20
Silvercity Fairview
1800 Sheppard Ace. E.,
416-644-7746
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 12:30-4:15-8 Sat 2-5:45-9:30 Sun-Thu 12:30-4:15-8
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 11:15-2:30-3-6:15-6:45-10-10:30 Sat 11:15-3-6:15-6:45-10-10:30 Sun 11:15-2:30-3-6:15-6:45-10-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-2:45-6-6:30-9:45-10:10
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 10:45 Sat 10:40 Sun 10:45 Mon-Tue 9:50
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:40 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:50
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 11:50-2:35-5:15-8:05 Sat 11:50-2:35-5:15-8 Sun 11:50-2:35-5:15-8:05 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:25-7:10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20 Mon-Tue 1:15 Wed-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:30
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun 4:55-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:40-9:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-7-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:40-6:55-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 11:20-2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Sat 11:10-2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Sun 12:10-2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-10
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:25-5:10-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:40

Scarborough

Coliseum Scarborough
300 Borough Dr.,

416-290-5217
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri-Sun 2-5:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:15-5-8:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-3:15-7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25 Fri 12-2:45-3:45-6:30-7:30-10:15-11:15 Sat 11-12-2:45-3:45-6:30-7:30-10:15-11:15 Sun 12-2:45-3:45-6:30-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2-2:30-5:45-6:15-9:30-10
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-5-8:05-11 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:15
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:40 Sun 2-4:40-7:15 Mon-Tue 1:10-3:55-6:55-9:35
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 12:10-2:30-5-7:35-10:05 Sat 7:35-10:05 Sun 1:50-4:25-10:05
Mon-Tue 2:10-5:10-7:40-10:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 11:45 Mon-Thu 2:15
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20-9:50
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 1-4-7-9:55
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-4:05-7:45-11:05 Sun 12:05-3:25-7:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:15-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 12:15 Sat 11:15 Sun 12:15 Mon-Tue 1:05 Wed-Thu 1:05-4:15-7-9:40
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45 Sun 5:25-5:25-7:55-10:30 Mon-Tue 4:15-7-9:40
WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs (STC) Sun 8

Eglinton Town Centre
1901 Eglinton Ave. E.,
416-752-4494

Batman Returns (STC) Mon 7:30
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 5:05-7:45-10:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 1-1:50-4:50-5:40-8:45-9:30 Sat 1-4:50-5:40-8:45-9:30 Sun 1-1:50-4:50-5:40-8:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-5-8-8:50 Sat 1:50
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-3:40-7:25-11:15 Sun 12-3:55-7:45 Mon-Thu 5:40-9:30 Fri 2:45-6:30-10:15 Sat 11-2:45-6:30-10:15 Sun 2:45-6:30-10:15 Mon 6:10-10 Tue 2:25-6:10-10 Wed-Thu 6:10-10 Fri-Sun 11:30-3:15-7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 2:55-6:50-10:45 Sat 6:50-10:45 Sun 2:55-10:45 Mon-Tue 5:30-9:35
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Khladi 786 (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-4-7:20-10:35 Sun 12:45-4-7:20 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:45
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:20-10:55 Mon 4:30-10:35 Tue 4:30-7:10-9:55
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 2:10-5-7:55-10:50 Sat 11:15-2:10-5-7:55-10:50 Sun 2:10-5-7:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:40
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:55-7:25-10:55 Mon 3:30-7-10-10:30 Tue 3:30-7-10:30 Wed 3:30-7:05-10:30 Thu 3:30-7:10-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 3-5:30-8:05-10:35
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sat 12:20-3-5:45-8:30-11:10 Sun 12:10-2:50-5:35-8:20-11 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:05-9:50 Thu 4:20-10:40
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 12:15 Sat 11:20-12:15 Sun 12:15 Wed-Thu 5:15-7:45-10:15
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Mon-Tue 5:15-7:45-10:15
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:20-7:40-11 Mon-Thu 4-7:25-10:45
Talaash (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-10:30

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:55-4:45-7:40-10:30 Sat 11:10-1:55-4:45-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:55-4:45-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:25
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:25-5:10-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:35-10:20
WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs (STC) Sun 8

401 & Morningside
785 Milner Ave.,
416-281-2226

The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 5:15-6:15-9-10 Sat-Sun 11-12-1:30-2:30-5:15-6:15-9-10 Mon 3:40-4:30-7:40-8:15 Tue 5:15-6:15-9-10 Wed-Thu 3:40-4:30-7:30-8:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 3-4:15-6:45-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-4:15-6:45-8-10:25 Mon 3-5:15-6:35-9-10:10 Tue 3-4:15-6:45-8-10:25 Wed-Thu 3-5:15-6:35-9-10:10
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 3:20-5:50-8:10-10:30 Sat 12:40-3:35-5:50-8-10-10:30 Sun 12:40-3:35-5:50-8-10-10:30 Mon 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Tue 3:20-5:50-8-10-10:30
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:30 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:25 Mon 4:20-7:10-10 Tue 4:30-7:40-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 3-5:30-8-10:30 Sat 2:35-5:30-8-10:30 Sun 2:35-5:30-8-10:25 Mon 4:25-7:15-9:45 Tue 3-5:30-8-10:30
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:20 Wed-Thu 4:45-7:05-9:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 3-5:15-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-5-7:30-9:50 Mon 4:40-7:05-9:20 Tue 3-5:15-7:30-9:50
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:55-7-10:15 Sat 11-12:45-3:55-7-10:15 Sun 12:45-3:55-7-10:15 Mon 3:50-7-10:05 Tue 3:55-7-10:15 Wed-Thu 3:50-7-10:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 3:25-4:40-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-2-4:40-7:25-10-10 Mon 4:10-6:50-9:30 Tue 3:25-4:40-7:20-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 4:45-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:45-7:50-10:15 Mon 4-6:45-9:10 Tue 4:45-7:10-9:40 Wed-Thu 4-6:45-9:10
Kennedy Commons 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323
Woodside Cinemas
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 7
Khladi 786 (PG) Fri 4:45-7:30 Sat 4-10 Sun 1-7 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30
Neethaane En Ponvasantham (STC) Fri 4:15-7:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30-10:30
Talaash (PG) Fri-Thu 4-10
Thuppakkki (PG) Fri 10 Sat 7 Tue 4 Mon-Thu 10

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Arbitrage (14A) Mon-Thu 1-3-8:45
Argo (14A) Fri-Sun 3:45-7:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:20-8:40
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri-Sun 6-9 Mon-Thu 1:15-3-8
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Sun 12
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri-Sun 7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:40-8:40
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri 12-1:45-3:30-6-7:20 Sat-Sun 12-1:45-3:30-6 Mon-Thu 5
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:45
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 1:45-5:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:45
The Polar Express (G) Fri 12-1:50-3:40-5:30 Sat-Sun 12-1:45-7 Mon-Thu 1:15-6

Sat 12:10-1:20-3:50-5:30-7:30-9:20-11:15 Sun 12:10-12:50-3:50-4:40-7:30-8:30 Mon-Tue 12-2:50-3:50-6:30-7:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 12-2:50-3:40-6:30-7:30-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:20-7-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-4:20-8
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 11:15-1:40-2:50-5:30-6:30-9:20-10:10 Sat 11:15-12:50-2:50-4:40-6:30-8:30-10:10 Sun 11:15-1:40-2:50-5:30-6:30-9:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:20-2-5-5:50-8:40-9:30
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:05-5:40-8:20-11:05
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-3-6:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 12-3:10-6:20-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:15-2:35-5-7:30-10
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:05-7:50-10:30
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:20-7:55-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sun 11:20-1:50 Mon 12:10-1:50 Tue-Thu 1:50
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:40
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12-1-3:10-4:20-6:40-7:40-10-11 Sat 12-3:10-4:50-6:40-7:55-10-11 Sun 12-1-3:10-4:20-6:40-10 Mon 12-1-3:15-4:20-6:40-10-10:30 Tue 12-1-3:15-4:15-6:40-7:25-10-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-4:15-7:25-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri-Sat 11:30-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sun 11:30-2:20-5-7:40-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:20-5:10-8-10:35 Thu 2:20-5-10:15
WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs (STC) Sun 8

Courtney Park 16
110 Courtney Park Dr.,
905-362-1210

Flight (18A) Fri 12:35-3:45-6:55-10:10 Sat-Sun 11-12:10-5:15-8:20-11:25 Mon-Wed 12:35-3:45-6:55-10:10 Thu 12:35-3:45-10:20
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri-Sun 2-2:45-5:50-6:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2-3-5:45-6:45-9:30-10:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:35-7:15-11 Mon-Thu 12:40-4:20-8
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-1:15-4:05-5-7:45-8:40-11:30 Mon-Thu 1:40-2:30-5:20-6:15-9-10
Khladi 786 (PG) Fri 12:45-3:55-7:10-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:55-7:10-10:20
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:35-8-10:25 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:05-5:25-7:55-10:20
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:05-4-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 11:05-2-4:55-7:55-10:55 Mon-Thu 1:05-4-7:05-10:05
Lincoln (PG) Fri 12:20-3:40-7-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:50-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50-7-10-10:30
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:55-3:20-5:50-8:15-10:40
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 12:10-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Wed-Thu 2:50-5:30-8:05-10:40
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 12:05 Sat-Sun 11:20-12:05 Mon-Thu 12:50
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:50-8:15-10:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri 1-4:15-7:30-11:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1-4:15-7:30-11:10 Mon-Thu 1-4:15-7:30-10:45
Talaash (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:30-7:40-10:50 Mon-Thu 1-4:05-7:15-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 2:20-5:05-7:50-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:50-10:35
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 12:55-3:30-6:05-8:45-11:20 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:50-4:25-6:55-

9:35 Mon-Tue 12:55-3:35-6:25-9:20

Orion Gate Grande
20 Biscayne Cr.,
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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 5:15-6:15-9-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-2:30-5:15-6:15-9-10 Mon 7:30-9:30 Tue 5:15-6:15-9-10 Wed-Thu 7:30-9:30 Sat 12
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 3-4:15-6:45-8-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-4:15-6:45-8-10:30 Mon 6:30-8:30-10:10 Tue 3-4:15-6:45-8-10:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-8:30-10:10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:30-6:30-9:40 Mon 6:50-9:50 Tue 3:30-6:30-9:40 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:50
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7:15-9:45
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-10:05 Sat 12:10-4:40-7:20-10:05 Sun 12:10-4:10-7:20-10:05 Mon 7:40-10:15 Tue 4:40-7:20-10:05
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:15 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:55
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 Mon 7:20-9:55 Tue 5:10-7:40-10:15
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:40-7-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:40-7-10:25 Mon 6:40-10 Tue 3:40-7-10:25 Wed-Thu 6:40-10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:20 Mon 7:10-10:05 Tue 4:30-7:30-10:20 Wed-Thu 7:10-10:05
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 4-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10-9:50 Mon 7-9:40 Tue 4-7-10-9:50 Wed-Thu 7-9:40

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The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 3:45-5-7:30-8:45-11:15 Sat 12-1:15-3:45-5-7:30-8:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-5:45-8-9:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 3:15-7-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:15-7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25 Fri 2:45-5:50-6:30-9:30-10:15 Sat 11-2-2:45-5:50-6:30-9:30-10:15 Sun 2-2:45-5:50-6:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-6:15-8:45-10
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Khladi 786 (PG) Fri 3-6:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-3-6:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:25-9:35
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 3:10-5:45-8:20-11:10 Sat 12:40-3:10-5:45-8:20-11:10 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:05 Mon-Tue 4:40-7:30-10:10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:25-7:35-10:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed 4-7-9:45 Thu 3:05-9:45
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:15-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 3:05-5:30-8:10-10:55 Sat 5:30-8:10-10:55 Sun 12:30-3:05-5:30 Mon-Tue 4-7-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 11:50
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:05-7:45-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri 4:10-7:25-11 Sat 12:50-4:10-7:25-11 Sun 12:50-4:10-7:25-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-7-10-10:30
Talaash (PG) Fri 3:30-6:45-10 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:35-9:50
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 5:10-8-10:50 Sat 11:35-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sun 11:35-2:20-5:10-7:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:25
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 4:30-7:05-9:50 Sat 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:05-9:50 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10
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3055 Vega Blvd.,
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Anna Karenina (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:05-4:05-

7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat 12:30-6:50 Sun 12:45-6:50 Mon-Thu 7
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Sat 12:45 Sun 12:05
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri 5:30-7:50-10:10 Sat 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Sun 2:40-5:05-7:35-10 Mon-Tue 4:05-6:40-9:30
Life of Pi (PG) Fri 3:45-6:35-9:30 Sat 6:35-9:30 Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:25 Mon 4-6:50-9:45 Tue 8 Wed-Thu 4-6:50-9:45
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:35-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4:05-6:40-9:30
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-9:55
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5-7:45-10:25 Sat 11:45-2:25-5-7:45-10:25 Sun 1:20-4:35-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 4:40-7:15-9:45 Sat 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sun 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:15-9:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:20-7:55-10:20 Sat 12:15-2:50-5:25-7:55-10:20 Sun 12:15-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:35-10
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri 4-10 Sat 3:25-10 Sun 3:25-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-9:40
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 11:50 Sun 11:45
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 5

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Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7:05-9:35
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 4:45-7:20-9:55
Sat 7:20-9:55 Sun 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Mon
7:20-9:55 Tue 4:40-7:20-9:55 Wed-Thu
7:20-9:55
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 1:15
Wed-Thu 6:55-9:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun
4-6:55-9:20 Mon 6:55-9:20 Tue 4:35-
6:55-9:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:55-7:10-10:25 Sat-Sun
12:45-3:55-7:10-10:25 Mon 6:50-10:05
3-6:50-10:05 Wed-Thu 6:50-10:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part
2 (PG) Fri 3:45-7:50 Sat-Sun 12:15-
3:45-7:50 Mon 7-9:50 Tue 4:10-7-9:50
Wed-Thu 7-9:50
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 4:55-7:35-10:20
Sat-Sun 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:20 Mon 7:10-10
Tue 4:30-7:10-10

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Argo (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-10:05
Mon-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:20-10:05
Batman Returns (STC) Mon 7:30
Flight (18A) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:30-7:35-
10:45 Tue 1:15-4:30-7:35-11 Wed-Thu
1:15-4:30-7:35-10:45
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 12:35-
3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
(PG) Fri-Sun 11-2:15-2:45-6-6:30-9:45-
10:15 Mon 1:30-2-5:15-5:45-9-9:30 Tue
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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Jour-
ney — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG)
Fri-Sun 11:20-3-6:45-10:30 Mon-Thu
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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:15 Mon
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7:30-11:15 Mon 2:30-6:15-10 Tue 3:45-
7:30-11:15 Wed-Thu 2:30-6:15-10
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-
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5:40-10:30 Tue 12:45-3:20-5:40-8:15-11:05
Wed-Thu 12:45-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:30
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:10-
5:15-8:10-11:05 Mon 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:35
Tue 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:45-
4:40-7:40-10:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 12:30-
2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-
2:30-5-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:50-

7:25-10:15
Red Dawn (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:25-5:55-
8:25-10:55 Mon 2:10-4:25-7:10-9:50 Tue
1-3:25-5:50-8:20-11:10 Wed-Thu 2:10-
4:25-7:10-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 11:25-12:10
Sat-Sun 12:10 Mon-Tue 1:10 Wed-Thu
1:20-3:50-6:40-9:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sun
2:40-5:20-8:05-10:35 Mon-Tue 4-6:50-9:35
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sun
12:50-4-7:05-10 Mon 12:50-3:55-7:05-9:55
Tue 12:50-3:55-7:05-10 Wed-Thu 12:50-
3:55-7:05-9:55
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12:20-1-3:40-4:20-7-7:40-
10:40-11:10 Sat 1-4:20-7-7:40-10:40-11:10
Sun 12:20-1-3:40-4:20-7:40-11:10 Mon
12:30-2:20-3:40-7-9:40-10:40 Tue 12:30-
2:20-3:40-6:10-7-9:40-10:40 Wed-Thu
12:30-3:40-7-10:40
Taken 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:35-
7:50-10:10 Mon-Tue 12:35-3:10-5:35-
7:50-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part
2 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:20-5:10-8-10:50
Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:20
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 11:10-12:15-2:55-
5:25-7:55-10:25 Sat 12:15-2:55-5:25-7:55-
10:25 Sun 11:10-12:15-2:55-5:25-7:55-
10:25 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:30-6:20-9:10
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The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 5:35-8
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-12:30-3:45-4-7:30
Mon-Thu 5-5:15-8:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D
(PG) Fri 6:30-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 12:45-6:30-
7:10-10 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
Life of Pi (PG) Fri 6:35-9:30 Sat-Sun
12:20-3:15-6:35-9:30 Mon-Tue 5:25-8:25
Wed-Thu 5:10-8:10
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 6:50-9:25
Sat-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:25 Mon-Tue
5:10-8:10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 7:05-9:35
Sat-Sun 12:25-3:40-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu
5:05-8:05
Skyfall (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:35-
3:35-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:35
First Markham Place
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101
Back to 1942 (14A) Fri 3:50-7:10-10:30
Sat 7:10-10:30 Sun 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
Mon-Tue 6:45-10:05
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 7:20-10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri 5:15-6:15-9-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-2:30-5:15-
6:15-9-10 Mon-Thu 9-9:40
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D
(PG) Fri 3-4:15-6:45-8-10:30 Sat-Sun
12-12:30-3-4:15-6:45-8-10:30 Mon-Thu
6:30-8-10:10

Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:55 Sat-
Sun 12-3:45-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:35
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-
7-9:25 Wed-Thu 9:25
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Tue 1:20-
4:25-7:20-9:25 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:35
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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 4:50-
7:50-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri 5-5:40-8:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-1:50-5-
5:40-8:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5-5:40-8:45-9:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
3D (PG) Fri 6:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:55-
2:40-6:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:15-10 Fri
3:50-7:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:50-7:50 Mon-Thu
4-8 Fri 3:15-7-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:15-
7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4-7:10-10:45
Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-
10:20
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:15-6:40-10:10 Sat
11:30-3:15-6:40-10:10 Sun 11:30-3-6:40-
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The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55 Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-
Thu 5:10-7:40-10:25
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
(STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:45
Sat 6:50-9:45 Sun 1:30-4:20 Mon-Tue
3:40-6:50-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 11:50
Wed-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:45
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-
7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:25
Mon-Tue 5:10-7:40-10:25
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4:20-
7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:30 Sun
12:45-3:40-6:50-9:45 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:30-
10:30 Thu 4:20-7-10:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:50-7:20-10:45 Sat-Sun
12:15-3:50-7:20-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-
7:20-10:35 The Twilight Saga: Breaking
Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 5:10-8-10:50 Sat
11:35-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sun 2:20-5:10-
8-10:50 Mon-Wed 4:10-7-9:50 Thu
4:10-9:50 Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 5:30-
8:10-10:50 Sat 11:45-2:50-5:30-8-10-10:50
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WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs
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Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 6:10-9:40 Sat
11:10-2:40-6:10-9:40 Sun 11:10-4-7:35
Mon-Thu 7
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 5:10-7:35-
9:55 Sat 2:35-5:10-7:35-9:55-11:55 Sun
11:55-2:35-5:10-7:35 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:50
Hitchcock (PG) Fri 5:05-7:25-9:45 Sat
12:20-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45 Sun 12:20-2:45-
5:05-7:25 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:25
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-
9:25 Sat 11:05-1:40-4:30-7:15-9:25 Sun
12:05-2:20-4:40-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 6:15-9:30 Sat
11-2:30-6:15-10 Sun 11-2:30-6:15 Mon-Thu
6:15
Khiladi 786 (PG) Fri 6-9 Sat 11:45-3-6-9
Sun 2-5-8 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40
Lincoln (PG) Fri 7-10 Sat 11:30-2:45-6-
9:15 Sun 11:30-2:45-7 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:45
Fri 6-9:15 Sat 12:30-3:45-7-10 Sun 12:30-
4:15-7:45 Mon 7 Wed-Thu 7
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri
5-7:30-9:55 Sat 11:15-1:45-4:15-7-9:30 Sun
11:15-1:45-4:30-7:50 Mon-Thu 5:45-8
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 4:45-7:10-9:35 Sat
11:40-2:15-4:45-7:10-9:35 Sun 11:40-2:15-
4:45-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35
The Sessions (14A) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat
12:10-2:25-5-7:30-9:50 Sun 12:10-2:25-5-
7:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:55
Talaash (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat 12:15-3:30-
6:30-9:30 Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45 Mon-Thu
4:35-7:30
Thuppakkki (PG) Fri 5:30-9:20 Sat 1:30-
5:30-9:20 Sun 12-3:45-7:30 Mon-Thu 6:10

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The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-
7-9:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri-Thu 12:30-1-4-4:45-7:30-8:30

Life of Pi (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-6:55-
9:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-
7-9:25 Wed-Thu 9:25
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Tue 1:20-
4:25-7:20-9:25 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:35
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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 4:50-
7:50-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri 5-5:40-8:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-1:50-5-
5:40-8:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5-5:40-8:45-9:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
3D (PG) Fri 6:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:55-
2:40-6:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:15-10 Fri
3:50-7:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:50-7:50 Mon-Thu
4-8 Fri 3:15-7-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:15-
7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4-7:10-10:45
Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-
10:20
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:15-6:40-10:10 Sat
11:30-3:15-6:40-10:10 Sun 11:30-3-6:40-
10:10 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:40-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55 Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-
Thu 5:10-7:40-10:25
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
(STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:45
Sat 6:50-9:45 Sun 1:30-4:20 Mon-Tue
3:40-6:50-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 11:50
Wed-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:45
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-
7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:25
Mon-Tue 5:10-7:40-10:25
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 4:20-
7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:30 Sun
12:45-3:40-6:50-9:45 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:30-
10:30 Thu 4:20-7-10:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:50-7:20-10:45 Sat-Sun
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7:20-10:35 The Twilight Saga: Breaking
Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 5:10-8-10:50 Sat
11:35-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Sun 2:20-5:10-
8-10:50 Mon-Wed 4:10-7-9:50 Thu
4:10-9:50 Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 5:30-
8:10-10:50 Sat 11:45-2:50-5:30-8-10-10:50
Sun 11:30-2:50-5:30-8-10-10:50 Mon-Tue
4:50-7:50-10:30
WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs
(STC) Sun 8

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Argo (14A) Fri-Sat 9:55 Sun-Thu 9:40
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 2:45-5:10-
7:35-10:05
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
(PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-2-5-5:50-8:45-9:30 Sun
12-2-3:45-5:50-7:30-9:30 Mon 2:30-4:20-
6:15-8-10 Tue 4:20-5:45-8-9:30 Wed-Thu

2:30-4:20-6:15-8-10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D
(PG) Fri-Sat 12-3:45-7:30-11:15 Sun 1:10-
5-8:45 Mon-Thu 5-8:45 Fri-Sun 11:30-
3:15-7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25 Fri
2:45-6:30-10:15 Sat 11-2:45-6:30-10:15
Sun 2:45-6:30-10:15 Mon 5:45-9:30 Tue
2:30-6:15-10 Wed-Thu 5:45-9:30
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 1:25-3:50-
6:15-8:40-11:05 Sat 5:20-6:15-8:40-11:05
Sun 1:55-4:20 Mon-Tue 2:45-5:10-7:35-
10:05
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 2:10-5:05-8-10:55
Sat 11:15-2:10-5:05-8-10:55 Sun 1-4-7-10-
10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-10:10
Lincoln (PG) Fri 11:50-3:25-6:45-10:05 Sat
11:20-2:55-6:45-10:05 Sun 12:30-3:50-
6:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:40-6-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed 3:35-6-8:30
Thu 3:30-6-8:30
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
(STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 12:25-3:05-
5:40-8:20-11 Sat 8:20-11 Sun 2:35-5:10-
7:50-10:30 Mon 4:45-7:45-10:30 Tue-Wed
4:45-7:45-10:20 Thu 4:45-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 11:30 Sat
11:10 Sun 11:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri-Sat
12:10-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 Sun 2:05-
4:40-7:05-9:40 Mon 3:10-3:40-6:25-8:55
Tue-Thu 3:40-6:25-8:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Sat
2:20-5:15-8:10-11:10 Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-
10:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri 1:05-4:20-7:50-11:10 Sat
1:35-4:55-7:50-11:10 Sun 12:15-3:35-7:20-
10:35 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part
2 (PG) Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sat 11:15-2-
4:50-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:20
Mon-Tue 3:30-6:55-9:50
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 11:40 Sat 11:05-
11:40 Sun 11:55-1:20 Wed-Thu 3:50-6:35
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:30-
7:10 Sun 4:10-6:50 Mon-Tue 3:50-6:35
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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
(PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12-12:30-4:15-8
Mon-Thu 8
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D
(PG) Fri 6:15-6:45-10-10:30 Sat-Sun
2:30-6:15-10 Mon-Thu 6-9:40 Sat-Sun
3-6:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7:25-

10:45
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 7:45-10:20 Sat-
Sun 12:30-4-7-9:45 Mon-Tue 7:40-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12
3:15-7-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-6:45-10:25 Fri
10:10 Sat 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sun 2:30-5-
7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:30
Skyfall (PG) Fri 7-10:15 Sat 12:10-3:20-7-
10:15 Sun 12:30-3:40-7-10:15 Mon-Thu
7-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part
2 (PG) Fri 7:15-10 Sat 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-
10:30 Sun 11:40-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:20
Mon-Thu 7:45-10:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat 11:15 Sun 11:50
Wed-Thu 7:15-10
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (PG) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat
2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sun 2:40-4:50-7:30-
10:05 Mon-Tue 7:15-9:50

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The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 7:15-9:50
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG)
Fri 5:50-6:30-9:30-10:15 Sat 11-2-2:45-
5:50-6:30-9:30-10:15 Sun 2-2:45-5:50-
6:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:15-9-10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D
(PG) Fri 3:15-3:45-7-7:30-10:45-11:15 Sat
11:30-12-3:15-3:45-7-7:30-10:45-11:15
Sun 11:30-12-3:15-3:45-7-7:30-10:45
Mon-Thu 6:45-8-10:25
Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:35-7:25-10:40 Sat
1:30-4:35-7:25-10:40 Sun 1:30-4:35-7:25-
10:25 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:15
Lincoln (PG) Fri 3:50-7:10-10:30 Sat
12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Sun 12:30-3:50-
6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC)
Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 6:30-9
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
(STC) Thu 7:30
Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 5:15-7:40-10:20
Sat 5:25-7:40-10:20 Sun 11:50-2:40-10:20
Mon-Tue 7:15-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat 11:20-12:10
Sun 12:10 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:40
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 4:50-
7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:50-7:15-9:45
Mon-Tue 7:10-9:40
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri
4:20-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:05-10
Mon-Thu 6:55-9:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri 4:10-7:35-11 Sat 12:50-
4:10-7:35-11 Sun 12:50-4:10-7:35-10:40
Mon-Thu 7-10:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part
2 (PG) Fri 5-7:50-10:50 Sat 11:35-2:10-5-
7:50-10:50 Sun 11:35-2:10-5-7:50-10:30
Mon-Wed 7:50-10:30 Thu 10:30
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 5:30-8:05-10:35
Sat 11:05-12:20-2:55-8:05-10:35 Sun
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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 6:15-10 Sat-Sun 2:30-6:15-10 Mon-Thu 6-9:40
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-8-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-12:30-3:45-6:45-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-8-10:10 Fri 3:15-5:15-7-9-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:30-3:15-5:15-7-9-10:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9-10:25
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:35-10:40 Sat-Sun 12:05-4:30-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:25 The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Live (STC) Sat 12:55 Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 6:55-9:30 Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri-Sat 5:20-8-10:35 Sun 12:05-2:45-5:20-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:10 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:20
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
Skyfall (PG) Fri 3:40-7-10:15 Sat 12:30-3:40-7:40-10:45 Sun 12:30-3:40-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:20 Fri 4-7:30-10:30 Sat 7:30-10:30 Sun 12:15-4-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri 5:30-8:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

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Argo (14A) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 11-2-5-8-11 Mon 12:20-3:20-6:35-9:35 Tue 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:35-9:35
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 2:15-6:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 11-2:50-6:40-10:30 Mon 1:20-5:25-9:15 Tue 2:15-6:15-10:05 Wed-Thu 1:20-5:25-9:15
Flight (18A) Fri 12:45-4-7:20-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:55-3:15-6:30-9:50 Mon 12:25-3:35-6:50-10:05 Tue 12:45-4-7:20-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:50-10:05
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed-Thu 1:10-4:35-7:40-10:20
Hitchcock (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:10-5:45-8:20-10:55 Mon 12:40-3:50-6:30-9:10 Tue 12:35-3:10-5:45-8:20-10:55 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:30-9:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 1:30-2:30-3-5:15-6:15-6:45-9-10-10:30 Sat 1:40-2:40-3:10-5:25-6:25-6:55-9:15-10:15-10:45 Sun 1:15-2:30-3-5-6:15-6:45-9-10-10:30 Mon 1-2-2:25-4:45-5:45-6:10-8:30-9:30-10 Tue 1:30-2:30-3-5:15-6:15-6:45-9-10-10:30

Wed-Thu 1-2-2:25-4:45-5:45-6:10-8:30-9:30-10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:45-7:15-11 Mon 3:10-6:45-10:25 Tue 12-3:35-7:15-11 Wed-Thu 3:10-6:45-10:25 Fri 12:30-2-4:15-5:45-8-9:30 Sat 1:05-2:05-4:55-5:55-8:45-9:45 Sun 12:30-2-4:15-5:45-8-9:30 Mon 12:30-1:30-4:15-5:15-8-9 Tue 12:30-2-4:15-5:45-8-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:30-1:30-4:15-5:15-8-9 Hyde Park on Hudson (PG) Fri 12:25-3:55-8:10-10:50 Sat-Sun 12:25-3-5:35-8:15-10:50 Mon 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:40 Tue 12:25-3-5:35-8:10-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:40
Jab Tak Hai Jaan (PG) Fri 1:55-6:10-10 Sat 11:05-2:50-6:35-10:25 Sun 2:50-6:35-10:25 Mon 1:45-5:35-9:25 Tue 1:55-6:10-10 Wed-Thu 1:45-5:35-9:25
Khiladi 786 (PG) Fri 12:20-3:40-7-10:20 Sat 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10 Sun 3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon 2:35-6:20-9:45 Tue 12:20-3:40-7-10:20 Wed-Thu 2:35-6:20-9:45
Killing Them Softly (18A) Fri 1:25-4:05-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:25-2-4:35-7-10-9:55 Mon 2:10-5-7:35-10:10 Tue 1:25-4:05-6:45-9:20 Wed-Thu 2:10-5-7:35-10:10 Lincoln (PG) Fri 12-3:25-7:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:35-3:05-6:30-10 Mon 12:15-3:35-7-10:25 Tue 12-3:25-7:05-10:35 Wed-Thu 12:15-3:35-7-10:25
Looper (14A) Fri 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-5-7:55-11:10 Mon 1:10-4:30-7:25-10:20 Tue 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:20 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (STC) Thu 7:30
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:15-10:55 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:45-10:35 Mon 1:25-4:05-6:50-9:35 Tue 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:15-10:55 Wed-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:50-9:35
Red Dawn (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-1:50-4:35-7:05-9:35 Mon 1:55-4:50-7:20-9:50 Tue 2-4:30-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:20-9:50
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:10-5:10-8:10-11:15 Mon 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Tue 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30 Wed-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
Skyfall (PG) Fri 12:15-12:55-3:35-4:15-6:55-7:40-10:25-11:05 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:55-2:45-4:15-6:55-7:35-10:20-11:05 Mon 12:15-2:15-3:40-6-7-9:30-10:20 Tue 12:15-12:55-3:35-4:15-6:55-7:40-10:25-11:05 Wed 12:15-2:15-3:40-6-7-9:30-10:20 Thu 12:15-2:15-3:40-6-9:30-10:20
Talaash (PG) Fri 12:50-4-10-7:25-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:55-6:20-9:30 Mon 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:15 Tue 12:50-4-10-7:25-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG) Fri 1:50-5-8-10:50 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:55-4:55-7:50-10:50 Mon 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:10 Tue 1:50-5-8-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:10

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Flight (18A) Fri 7:40-10:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:25-7:40-10:45 Mon-Thu 7-10
The Guilt Trip (PG) Wed 7:45-10:15 Thu 7:45-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 6:15-10 Sat 11-2:30-6:15-10 Sun 12-2:30-6:15-10 Mon-Thu 6-9:40
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 8 Sat 12-4:15-8 Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 8 Fri 6:45-10:30 Sat 11:20-3-6:45-10:30 Sun 3-6:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10 Jingle All the Way (STC) Sat 11 Life of Pi (PG) Wed-Thu 7:10-10:05 Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:05 Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:40 Playing for Keeps (PG) Fri 7:35-10:15 Sat 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:35-10:15 Sun 12:30-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
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The Hollywood Foreign Press shows its love for Honest Abe

Golden Globe noms.

Lincoln grabs seven nods, while in TV, Homeland and Downton Abbey come out as favourites



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Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln* leads this year's Golden Globe Awards nominations, placing in seven categories including best drama, with nods for Spielberg and screenwriter Tony Kushner as well as actors Daniel Day-Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field, and composer John Williams.

Other favourites for the Hollywood Foreign Press include Ben Affleck's *Argo*, Kathryn Bigelow's *Zero Dark Thirty* and Quentin Tarantino's *Django Unchained*, all of which received best drama and best director nods, as well as other nominations.

On the television side, new series *Nashville*, *Smash* and the Newsroom earned accolades, while longtime awards favourite *Mad Men* failed to make the best television drama list for the first time. Critical favourites *Homeland* and *Downton Abbey* earned four and three nominations each, respectively, and are expected to be favourites when the awards are handed out.

Biggest surprises

The Hollywood Foreign Press clearly has a thing for Nicole Kidman, nominating the actress in both film and TV categories. Her nod for Lee Daniels' *The Paperboy* may be the most controversial this year,



Quentin Tarantino's *Django Unchained*, starring Christoph Waltz and Jaime Foxx, grabbed a number of nominations. HANDOUT

as the film was widely panned coming out of the Cannes Film Festival. Also a surprise? Multiple nominations for *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, an early 2012 film with little to know awards campaign. Stars Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt earned acting nods while the film made the best musical or comedy list.

Biggest snubs

While Tom Hooper's presumed awards season juggernaut *Les Misérables* earned nods for best musical or comedy, plus best actor Hugh Jackman and supporting actress Anne Hathaway, Hooper himself didn't make the best director list. And despite turn-

ing in great performances in multiple films, Matthew McConaughey came up empty handed at the HFPA. Other notable snubs include Robert DeNiro for *Silver Linings Playbook* — though best supporting actor is the tightest race this year — and indie darling *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, which

didn't receive a single nomination.

The 70th annual Golden Globe Awards will be handed out live January 13, hosted by Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, who are nominated against each other in the best actress in a television comedy category.

Some of the nominations

- **Best motion picture — drama.** *Argo*, *Django Unchained*, *Life of Pi*, *Lincoln*, *Zero Dark Thirty*
- **Best motion picture — musical or comedy.** Best *Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *Les Misérables*, *Moonrise Kingdom*, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, *Silver Linings Playbook*
- **Best director.** Ben Affleck, *Argo*; Kathryn Bigelow, *Zero Dark Thirty*; Ang Lee, *Life of Pi*; Steven Spielberg, *Lincoln*; Quentin Tarantino, *Django Unchained*
- **Best actor, motion picture drama.** Daniel Day-Lewis, *Lincoln*; Richard Gere, *Arbitrage*; John Hawkes, *The Sessions*; Joaquin Phoenix, *The Master*; Denzel Washington, *Flight*
- **Best actress, motion picture drama.** Marion Cotillard, *Rust and Bone*; Jessica Chastain, *Zero Dark Thirty*; Helen Mirren, *Hitchcock*; Naomi Watts, *The Impossible*; Rachel Weisz, *The Deep Blue Sea*
- **Best actor, motion picture musical or comedy.** Jack Black, *Bernie*; Bradley Cooper, *Silver Linings Playbook*; Hugh Jackman, *Les Misérables*; Ewan McGregor, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*; Bill Murray, *High Park on Hudson*
- **Best actress, motion picture musical or comedy.** Emily Blunt, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*; Judi Dench, *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*; Jennifer Lawrence, *Silver Linings Playbook*; Maggie Smith, *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*; Meryl Streep, *Hope Springs*
- **Best drama series.** *Breaking Bad*, *Boardwalk Empire*, *Downton Abbey*, *Homeland*, *The Newsroom*
- **Best comedy series.** The *Big Bang Theory*, *Episodes*, *Girls*, *Modern Family*, *Smash*

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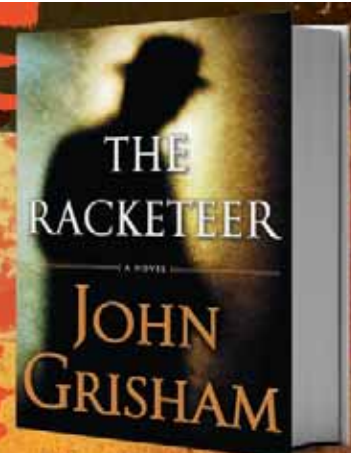
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What was TV like in 2012? As with every year, it was a mix of the ridiculous and the sublime, the sacred and the profane. Excellence persevered with series such as HBO's *Boardwalk Empire* and *Treme*, AMC's *Mad Men* and, of course, AMC's *The Walking Dead* with its icky charm. Bottom line: It's not easy to narrow down a Top 8 anything for TV. Still, once this year's thousands of hours are assessed, some notable achievements emerge, for better or worse.

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Breaking Bad

It's notable not only for how twisted, funny and shocking it is, but also for how it keeps on upping the ante. This summer's satisfying mini season ended in a most unlikely fashion, hinting that Walter White (series star Bryan Cranston) might actually break free from his life of spiraling disaster and resurrect his happy home. But then, in the last scene, Walter's drug-enforcement-agent brother-in-law made the connection that had always eluded him: The drug lord he's been chasing all this time is Walter! Once again, the series' never-broken promise was upheld.



Fox & Friends

We could easily salute shows that keep us laughing like *The Daily Show* With Jon Stewart, *The Colbert Report* and *Saturday Night Live*. But maybe we could more appropriately single out one obvious wellspring for those shows' humour. I'm referring, of course, to *Fox & Friends*. With their three-part harmony, co-hosts Steve Doocy, Gretchen Carlson and Brian Kilmeade offer up a unique brand of jovially partisan delivery. Theirs is a seamless, finish-one-another's-sentence knack for issuing the network-designated messages as news. Contrary viewpoints are admissible only to be mocked. But mostly cheerful unity prevails, a tidy single-minded package of riffs as predictable as the tides — but as amusing as any deliberate caricature.



Girls



Lena Dunham this, Lena Dunham that. Blah, blah, blah. She, in her mid-20s, created, wrote, directed, produced and starred in a half-hour comedy series about 20-something adulthood, femininity and sexuality. She sparked adulation, conversation, arguments and green-eyed envy of her talent. *Girls* was a series that couldn't be ignored — at least, by pop-culture cognoscenti. It will surely be welcomed back in January with even more attention, if possible (with always the threat of a backlash), as viewers resume arguing: Does the series measure up to all the hype? Nuff said. Up to now, indisputably, *Girls* has been monumental. And a gas.

Homeland



In its second season, this series remained suspenseful, disturbing and riddled with surprises. It mined drama from possibly the most damaged pair of protagonists, opponents and star-crossed lovers in TV history.

Marine Sgt. Nicholas Brody (Damian Lewis) was a prisoner of war in Afghanistan who had returned home a national hero and soon-to-be-elected U.S. Congressman — and, covertly, a terrorist turncoat. Carrie Mathison (Claire Danes) was a former CIA agent suffering from a bipolar disorder as well as emotional ties to the man she was obsessed with bringing down. They could have titled this series *Homeland Insecurity*.

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Outstanding TV shows of 2012

Here Comes Honey Boo Boo and Killer Karaoke

Two new reality shows blazed new trails of idiocy. One capitalized on redneck stereotypes and a six-year-old beauty pageant veteran. The other invited contestants to sing their hearts out while being zapped with electricity or dunked in a vat of snakes. In a TV universe swamped with reality shows, these two stood apart as groundbreaking, inspired and dismaying — if for no other reason than they served as a reminder that each is merely a way station en route to the next extreme in outrageous crassness.



Sons of Anarchy

Tough guys on motorcycles selling guns and drugs. Tough women keeping them in line, or trying to. Rival gangs, corrupt cops and a club membership in turmoil. Jax (Charlie Hunnam), his mother, Gemma (Katey Sagal), and her husband, Clay (Ron Perlman), were the core of a series that, in its fifth season, raged wilder than ever.

Key & Peele

The biracial status of comedy partners Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele (black fathers, white mothers) is notable only because it gives them unique insight sizing up the human condition. And they made the most of that insight on their sketch-and-standup half-hour series. In particular, they scored with Peele in an unsurpassed impersonation of Obama where the unflappable president is joined by Key as "anger translator" Luther, who demonstrates, comically unfiltered, what Obama really thinks. But whatever they did, the humour of Key and Peele proved fresh and smart.



Smash

This NBC musical drama put a bright, sexy sheen on one of film's most timeless tropes: Hey, kids, let's put on a show! Which *Smash* did, embedding songs and dance into the story of how a Broadway musical comes to life. Sure, *Smash* took knocks for unbelievable plotlines, cardboard characters and trite show tunes. It gave new life to the term "hate-watch" (that act of watching something solely to delight in its awfulness). So what? With



a show-must-go-on defiance emblematic of Broadway, *Smash* never flagged in its unique charm and meticulous artistry.

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TV picks

All the Christmas specials you can handle: This week's TV picks

Back-to-back holiday specials Friday on Global start with Hoops & Yoyo Ruin Christmas. On Christmas Eve, Hoops, Yoyo and their friend, Piddles, disrupt the time-space continuum after sneaking into Santa's sleigh. Then, *The Elf on the Shelf: An Elf's Story* centres on an elf named Chippey who tries to help a young boy who is struggling to believe in the magic of Christmas. (Global)

Christmas movie classics abound on the dial Friday, with the Bing Crosby-Danny Kaye musical *White Christmas* sure to put you in a festive mood over on AMC. The 1954 feel-good romp is chock full of everything magical about the season: a winter wonderland, infectious tunes and a bit of romance. Over on CBC, there's *Miracle on 34th Street* for anyone doubting Santa's existence. An adwoman's lawyer boyfriend tries to prove that Macy's Santa Claus is the real thing.

Comic veteran Martin Short drops by his old New York stomping grounds when he hosts *Saturday Night Live*. The musical performer is no slouch by the way; it's music icon Sir Paul McCartney. (Global, NBC)

Two animated classics abound with seasonal



Chevy Chase stars as head of the Griswold family in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. HANDOUT

cheer and a little magic to inspire holiday grins on Saturday. Tykes both naughty and nice would do well to tune into Santa Claus is Comin' To Town over on CTV, where a mailman explains why Santa has whiskers, lives at the North Pole and brings presents once a year. Meanwhile, *The Legend of Frosty the Snowman* unfolds over on YTV, where a new chapter in the saga revisits Frosty many years after he shouts out his first "Happy Birthday!" (YTV)

And then you have *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* on Sunday. By turns cheesy, garish and grating, it's also sweetly sentimental and a fun guilty pleasure. Who doesn't find Christmas light electrocutions hilarious? As head of the Griswold family, Chevy Chase offers plenty of pratfalls while Randy Quaid co-stars as a dicky-wearing country cousin with a little too much holiday spirit. (CBC)

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Movie tells real-life rescue of horses from B.C. mountain

The Horses of McBride. Snowmobilers worked tirelessly for four days to save the animals

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Just before Christmas in 2008, Toni Jeck was faced with a tough decision. Armed with some hay and a shotgun, she was tasked with deciding the fate of two starving horses her snowmobiling brother had found trapped in two-metre deep snow on the side of Mount Renshaw, near McBride, B.C.

Despite finding the horses covered in bald patches and severely underweight, Jeck was convinced they could survive, if only she could get them off the mountain.

What followed was a four-day ordeal that warmed the hearts of Canadians as they watched a group of snowmobilers dig a trench more than a kilometre long, in minus 30-degree Celsius temperatures to free the horses, who — it was later discovered — had been abandoned there in the fall by a man on a hunting trip.

The story of the snowmobilers who could and the horses with the will to survive wasn't forgotten.

On Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. (ET/PT), CTV presents *The Horses of McBride*, starring Aidan Quinn, a TV movie based on the events of four years ago.

Actress Mackenzie Porter, who portrays Jeck in the movie, says she has trouble wrapping her head around the strength and willpower it must have taken to keep digging in sub-zero temper-



The Horses of McBride airs Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. ET/PT on CTV. HANDOUT

atures.

"I can't imagine it. Just the little amount of work we were doing to portray this story on film was exhausting. And I experienced nothing compared to what the Jeck family actually experienced," she says.

Filming for *The Horses of McBride* took place in the Kananaskis Valley, which mimicked some of the deep snow conditions the real

rescuers faced. "I did a lot of shoveling, luckily I only had to do it when the camera was rolling" says Porter, laughing. "I got an amazing workout."

While the shoveling may have been tough for Porter, the work with the horses came naturally to the actress, who grew up on a ranch near Medicine Hat, Alta., and rode with her sister and dad.

Aside from horsemanship skills, Porter was also able to exercise her acting abilities alongside seasoned veteran Quinn, whose past films include *Legends of the Fall*.

"I'm a huge fan of his so I was excited when I heard he was on board for this film. He was just really grounded," she says. "The first day I met him he invited me to dinner to rehearse and just build that relationship with him. He's just this amazing person."

Rescued

Horses healthy and happy

The real horses — Belle and Sundance — are now healthy and happy living in adoptive homes. As such, the film crew had to find two equines that looked starving and unhealthy. Enter Lady and Slim, two emaciated horses from Alberta and British Columbia. As the filming went on, the wranglers involved were able to put weight back on these horses. Eventually, Lady was adopted by a couple who worked on the film, while Slim, once at a healthier weight, was returned to his original owner.

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Songs take spotlight in TV drama Nashville

ABC drama. Tunes on Music City show has sold more than 800,000 digital singles

Buddy Miller says these days it's not unusual for duet partners to cut their love songs syllable by syllable while never even seeing each other: "In this town especially that's what happens."

That's why the veteran Music City producer and band leader was so astounded by what he witnessed in the early days of working on the music for the television show Nashville. He was nervous about his session with actors Clare Bowen and Sam Palladio because their song If I Didn't Know Better, written by John Paul White of The Civil Wars and Arum Rae, was challenging and served

as a pivotal moment in the pilot. It had to be right, and that depended on the young actors being able to pull it off.

"They didn't know they didn't have to memorize the song or look each other in the eyes when you're singing a love song," Miller said. "For those two who'd never sung in a studio before to go in there, look each other in the eyes with the song memorized and sing the song, I had

goose bumps and so did everybody else in the room. ... That had a whole lot more soul in it than most of the stuff that gets cut in this town."

The music of Nashville has been as much a star on the hour-long ABC drama as Connie Britton, Hayden Panettiere, Charles Esten, Jonathan Jackson, Bowen and Palladio. Yes, each really does sing his or her own part, and so far fans seem to be responding,

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"They didn't know they didn't have to memorize the song."

Buddy Miller

buying more than 800,000 digital singles. Panettiere's Telescope has even cracked top 40 at country radio.

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Australian actress and singer Clare Bowen, who stars as Scarlett O'Connor in the ABC drama series Nashville, sings her own songs.

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30 Rock's Jenna films final tantrum



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Much to 30 Rock fans' chagrin, Jane Krakow-

ski, a.k.a. Jenna on the hit show, is getting a little break for the holiday season now that the sitcom is currently filming their last-ever episode.

"It's a very busy time right now between wrapping up 30 Rock and being a relatively new mom, and we're having Christmas dinner at our house this year for the first time," she says at an event for Bank of America, which raised money for Feeding America.

"Hopefully it'll be good; we wanted to sort of bring the joy of Christmas to our home, so



our whole family is coming over. It should be a nice day and a nice way to sort of start a new chapter with 30 Rock ending."

"Yesterday we shot Jenna's last temper tantrum; it was fantastic. They told me to go as far as I wanted to go and the entire crew applauded when it was over because everyone knew it was the last time Jenna would be insulting people and throwing things.

"It was very fun — incredibly satisfying."

Aubry in the clear over brawl with Martinez

Gabriel Aubry won't be facing criminal charges following his Thanksgiving day brawl with Olivier Martinez, the fiancé of ex-girlfriend Halle Berry, according to TMZ. In lieu of a formal hearing, the Los Angeles City Attorney is expected to hold an informal office meeting to discuss the altercation with Aubry, but the French-Canadian model won't have to worry about any further repercussions.

Emotional Penn delivers heartbreaking insight into romantic past

Two years after his divorce from Robin Wright, Sean Penn is opening up about their marriage — and his entire romantic history. "There is no shame in saying that we all want to be loved by someone. As I look back over my life in romance, I don't feel I've ever had that," he tells Esquire magazine. And while he doesn't mention Wright by name, he does discuss their split. "When you get divorced, all the truths come out, you sit there and go, 'What the f— was I doing? What was I doing

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Home for the holidays with singer Paul Brandt

Christmas traditions. Country superstar shares why this time of the year is special to him and his family

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Taking a break from promoting his new album, Just as I am, Paul Brandt — Canadian country music star, husband and father of two — shares some of his favourite things about the Christmas season.

He also offers a simple recipe that's sure to be a hit at your next holiday party.

What's your favourite part about spending the holidays with your family?

I'm often overwhelmed with gratitude for my family and our relationships during Christmas. Moments when we can just be together, celebrating, singing, eating and giving gifts to each other are so precious to me.

Do you have any family traditions that take place on Christmas Day?

A mandarin orange being in the toe of our Christmas stockings. The orange has to be eaten, and stockings emptied, before we can move on to the presents.

Are you pretty hands-on in the kitchen while making the holiday dinner?

I like being hands-on, but my mom and mother-in-law do the majority of the work for the big family dinners. I will happily jump in and carve the turkey... and maybe reserve a choice piece or two for myself as payment for my services.

Do people ever request an impromptu mini-Christmas concert in December? Do



Paul Brandt loves the spirit of the holidays. Fruit Cake? Not so much. SUBMITTED

you have a favourite holiday song to sing?

I am often asked to sing around Christmas ... and I don't know why, but one of my favourites to sing has always been I'll Be Home For Christmas. Probably one of the most depressing Christmas songs ever, but I love crooning it.

The most memorable gift

you've ever gotten at Christmas was...

I first met my "wife to be" at a Christmas Eve church service in Calgary back in 1995. Three months before that date, I had heard her sing at that same church, and I was smitten from the moment I laid eyes on her...

Fruitcake. Love it or hate it?
Is "loathe" too strong a word?

What is the one thing in your life that really makes the holidays complete?

For me, the Christmas season is all about my faith. This faith perspective during the holidays reminds me to go out of my way to think about and help others, and when I do, I feel like the holidays really come together for me in a special, memorable way.

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Glass full of holiday spirit



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Though it took a few bottles of bubbly and repeat viewings of A Charlie Brown Christmas, I've finally found my holiday spirit.

While I'm sure some of you will have an alternative to turkey as the star of your Xmas meal, the big bird is it for the majority of us, so this week I'm focusing on white wines to match.

Roast turkey never makes an appearance in the dining room alone. And it's all of the side dishes (like cranberry sauce, herbaceous stuffing and sweet potatoes) that have the greatest chance of clashing with your wine choice.

An off-dry white made with the peppery gewürztraminer grape or medium-dry riesling grape from any country is a great pick. So is one made with sauvignon blanc from New Zealand or France.

I'm partial to a lightly oaked chardonnay. The majority of white French Burgundy wines fit the bill, as do many chards from Australia, Chile, Canada and California.

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This is Paul Brandt's go-to recipe for holiday entertaining. DAN CLAPSON

When Paul Brandt has guests during the holiday season, he serves up this easy to make Picked Shrimp appetizer.

1. Thaw shrimp under cool

water and drain. Layer shrimp, onion and bay leaves in shallow dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over shrimp. Cover and chill 24 hours. **RECIPE BY PAUL BRANDT**

Ingredients

- 1-2 bags cooked frozen shrimp
- onions, sliced thinly
- several bay leaves
- 1 cup olive oil
- 3/4 cup white vinegar
- 3 tbsp capers with juice
- 2 1/2 tsp celery seed
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 6 drops Tabasco sauce
- Juice of 2 lemons

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From the people who brought us Swish by Han, we now have Oddseoul at 90 Ossington Ave. This Korean restaurant uses varied techniques to pound out awesome takes on Korean classics. Take the bulgogi cheese steak sandwich, for instance. This spot is East meets West meets gastronomic glory.



Just opened: Hawthorne Food and Drink

At 60 Richmond St. E you'll find Hawthorne Food and Drink, a new restaurant from Chef Eric Woods. Doubling as a social mission — the restaurant has a training program for new chefs and hospitality industry workers to learn the ropes — Hawthorne serves up inspirational cuisine for lunch, and in the new year, dinner.



Just opened: Sukhothai on Wellington

Cult followers of Cabagatown favourite Sukhothai have a hipper, bigger and improved restaurant with the opening of its second location at 52 Wellington St. E. While the first is closed for the time being (the staff moved over to help with the opening), this second outpost has a liquor licence, chic decor, and the same quality Thai food followers have come to expect.



Just relaunched: Bar Volo

In a quick reno-rebrand-redesign move — we heard they did the majority of the work in a day — Bar Volo has relaunched with some notable improvements. Now the craft beer haven has a menu by Chef Guy Rawlings — including charcuterie from Grant van Geron and pretzels from Woodlot — more taps and spots for six casks.



S.O.S. Christmas

Party for a cause this holiday season at the S.O.S. Christmas: Sixth Annual Angels Wish Fundraiser. All money raised from this event on Dec. 20 goes to the annual Christmas Luncheon for Children and Families in need. Dance to yuletide beats by DJs Aristotle and DLUX while mixing and mingling at Maison Mercer (15 Mercer St.).



White Truffle Extravaganza

On Dec. 19 at Rakia Bar in Leslieville (1402 Queen St. E.), get your truffle on at White Truffle Extravaganza. The white truffle is one of the most luxurious and expensive culinary ingredients, and you'll get to enjoy four courses featuring this illustrious item. With wine pairings to boot, this night is a steal at \$85 per person.

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NFL

Former CFL star out for Seahawks

Pete Carroll won't have one of his biggest defensive weapons Sunday when the Seattle Seahawks face the Buffalo Bills at Rogers Centre.

Brandon Browner, the former Calgary Stampeders cornerback, will miss Buffalo's "home" game, the final contest of the inaugural Bills Toronto Series that began in 2008. He's currently serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's drug policy and is sidelined for the remainder of the regular season.

If the Seahawks (8-5) qualify for the playoffs, Browner would be eligible to return in time for the post-season. And Carroll says not having the six-foot-four, 221-pound Browner in the lineup creates a huge void in Seattle's secondary.

"He's really a first-line factor," the Seahawks head coach said during a conference call. "The size and savvy he brought makes him a real problem for opponents."

"There's not another six-foot-four guy you can plug in there so he's very rare."

The California native adjusted quickly to the Canadian game, being named a CFL all-star three times and helping Calgary win the 2008 Grey Cup.

Browner signed with Seattle after the 2010 season.

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Brandon Browner GETTY IMAGES



Buffalo Bills running back C.J. Spiller, right, will be carrying the load for Buffalo now that co-starting back Fred Jackson is injured. BILL WIPPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unleashed: Spiller to carry load for Bills

NFL. Dynamic running back takes over starting duties with teammate Jackson out

The only thing C.J. Spiller was running out of in Buffalo was the patience needed to answer the near-weekly round of questions of why he wasn't more involved in the Bills offence.

"Pretty much, because, I don't know what else you all want me to say," Spiller said. "I can only carry the ball when my number's called."

Spiller should get accustomed to hearing his No. 28 called far more often over the final three games.

That's because "Spiller

Time" has finally arrived after co-starting running back Fred Jackson was placed on the season-ending injured reserve Tuesday because of a sprained right knee.

Spiller doesn't enjoy the circumstances behind why he'll be getting more playing time. And yet, he's up to the challenge as Buffalo (5-8) prepares to "host" the Seattle Seahawks (8-5) at Toronto on Sunday.

"I'm not necessarily eager. I'm just eager to try to see what I can do to try to help us win," Spiller said. "It's time for every playmaker on this team to rise up a little bit, including myself. So I definitely have to take it to another notch."

Spiller insists he has nothing to prove to anyone whether he's getting 20-plus carries or

Big gains

With 944 yards on 144 carries, Spiller is averaging 6.55 yards per run.

- That's the NFL's highest total through 13 games since 1963, when Hall of Famer Jim Brown averaged 6.61 yards per carry with the Cleveland Browns.

just seven as happened in a loss to St. Louis last weekend.

He has been the Bills' most dynamic threat this season. Spiller leads the team with five touchdowns rushing and is on the verge of his first 1,000-yard season. Also a threat in

the passing attack, Spiller has 34 catches for 354 yards and a score.

Spiller's production, however, has been overshadowed by lingering questions and criticisms of coach Chan Gailey, and why the running back isn't on the field more often for an offence that could certainly use a spark.

"They're both great players, and neither one of them are going to get it as much as they want," Gailey said. "You could look at it and say there's a couple of plays I wish (Spiller) was in there on. And there were a couple of plays I wish Fred was in there on, to be perfectly honest."

That rotation is now out the window with Jackson hurt.

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23 left standing after final junior cuts



National selection camp goalie Malcolm Subban, from Rexdale, makes a save against CIS university player Quinn Hancock Thursday in an exhibition game in Calgary. Subban made the world junior team. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Canadian junior hockey team roster announced Thursday includes a pair of 17-year-old forwards.

The inclusion of Halifax Mooseheads Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin among the 13 forwards is significant because the NHL lockout made all the country's top 19-year-old talent available to the team.

Anthony Camara, Phillip Danault, Jonathan Huberdeau, Charles Hudson, Boone Jenner, JC Lipon, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Ty Rattie, Brett Ritchie, Mark Scheifele and Ryan Strome were also named to the team at forward.

Dougie Hamilton, Scott Harrington, Ryan Murphy, Xavier Ouellet, Griffin Reinhart, Morgan Reilly and Tyler Wotherspoon will be Canada's defencemen.

Jordan Binnington, Jake Paterson and Malcolm Subban were the goaltenders selected.

Released from the team Thursday were forwards Daniel Catenacci, Mark McNeill, Hunter Shinkaruk and Tom Wilson, defencemen Frank Corrado, Mathew Dumba and Ryan Sproul, and goaltender Laurent Brossoit.

Canada opens the 2013 world junior hockey championship Dec. 26 in Ufa, Rus-

Thursday's exhibition game

- Anthony Camara and Ty Rattie scored for Canada's junior team in a 2-0 win over a team of university players at selection camp.
- It was the last chance for the players invited to selection camp to impress the coaches.

sia. The team departs Saturday for a pre-competition camp in Finland.

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4 SPORTS

CFL. 'Passion and love' for Alouettes compels QB Calvillo to continue

Anthony Calvillo says he feels great and he's playing well, so why retire even if he is 40 years old?

The Montreal Alouettes quarterback who was named a CFL all-star for a fifth time this season announced Thursday that he will return for a 20th season. He signed a contract for a year plus an option year, and will make another decision on whether to continue after the 2013 campaign.

"I have to evaluate every season if I still enjoy what I do, and I do," Calvillo said. "I strongly believe that this organization is going to continue to have success and I want to be part of that."

The league's all-time pass-

Quoted



"Going on 20 years, at one point, you're supposed to retire and that day will come. But today's not it. I have too much passion and love for this organization."

Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo

ing leader had his left, non-throwing arm in a sling from surgery last Friday to repair a torn labrum

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NHL

Lockout sides meet face-to-face

Two days of talks between the NHL, the players' association, and federal mediators still haven't provided any answers for how to end the lockout.

Representatives from the

fighting sides made it into the same room with a federal mediator Thursday. They just didn't make noticeable progress. Players' association special counsel Steve Fehr, who met with league lead counsel Bob Battersman on Thursday, said the sides intend to talk Friday in person or by phone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Slugger Hamilton leaves Rangers for rival Angels



Highly prized free agent Josh Hamilton, pictured as a Texas Ranger in June, has signed a contract with the Los Angeles Angels. TIM SHARP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

MLB. Hamilton, the AL's most valuable player in 2010, gets second-highest salary in baseball

Josh Hamilton left the Texas Rangers on Thursday and agreed to a \$125-million US, five-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said the slugging free-agent outfielder had reached a deal with the AL West rival Angels. Two people familiar with the talks disclosed the amount and length of the contract, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement was not yet final.

Hamilton's \$25-million average salary matches Philadelphia first baseman Ryan Howard for the second-highest in baseball, trailing only Alex Rodriguez's \$27.5-million average with the New York Yankees.

Texas had hoped to re-sign the 2010 AL most valuable

Big-spending Angels

- Hamilton joins a team that spent big last off-season to add first baseman Albert Pujols for \$240 million and pitcher C.J. Wilson — Hamilton's Texas teammate — for \$77.5 million.
- Yet the Angels disappointed and failed to make the playoffs.

player, who led the Rangers to consecutive World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011.

Speaking Thursday after a Rangers holiday luncheon, Daniels said he had just been informed of the decision by Hamilton's agent, Michael Moya.

"I never expected that he was going to tell us to the dollar what they had, and a chance to offer it. Our full expectation, the phone call was going to be before he signed, and certainly not after," Daniels said. "Everybody's got to make their own calls." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Warriors guard Stephen Curry celebrates teammate Draymond Green's game-winning layup on Wednesday night in Miami. The Warriors won 97-95 for their fifth straight win on the road. MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

Young Warriors no longer looking like NBA also-rans

NBA. Backcourt of Curry, Thompson leading way during impressive run of road victories

If you're looking for the biggest surprise of the first quarter of the NBA's regular season, glance west — far west — to an often overlooked franchise.

The Golden State Warriors, who at times lately have been little more than afterthought, are off to a rip-roaring start and are firmly entrenched in the Western Conference playoff picture.

Under second-year head

coach Mark Jackson, the Warriors are an impressive 15-7 and have won five straight road games, the latest an upset of the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it is the first time a Warriors team has won five in a row on the road since the 1978-79 season; none of the current players were born then.

The Warriors are doing it with one of the best young backcourts in the league in Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

There were some eyebrows raised when the Warriors anointed Curry with a lucrative contract extension (four years,

\$44 million US) despite concerns about the condition of an oft-injured ankle. But those have been put aside as the son of former Raptor Dell Curry is averaging 20 points and almost seven assists per game while shooting an excellent 43 per cent from three-point range.

"He's definitely MVP for that team, for sure," LeBron James said of Curry. "No one would've said that they'd be where they are right now — second in their division and in the middle of the pack as far as playoffs."

The Warriors finish the seven-game road marathon at Orlando on Friday night and in Atlanta on Saturday.

Whether the Warriors can sustain this torrid start remains to be seen; if they won't, it won't be because they lack confidence.

"We feel we belong amongst the elite," said former Raptor and backup guard Jarrett Jack.

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"Don't be surprised by the things we do on this journey."

Warriors guard Jarrett Jack

NBA

Raptors' injury woes won't let up

After the weekend, there shouldn't be too many Toronto Raptors clamouring for more minutes.

The Raptors announced Wednesday night that Andrea Bargnani is out indefinitely with a ligament tear in his right elbow and a strained right wrist. He joins point guard Kyle Lowry (right tricep), Linas Kleiza (sore right knee), Alan Anderson (sprained left foot) and Landry Fields (right-elbow surgery) on the sideline.

The Raptors, who lost 94-88 to the Brooklyn Nets with an eight-man roster Wednesday, face the Dallas Mavericks Friday and the Houston Rockets Sunday.

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Raptors power forward Andrea Bargnani. GETTY IMAGES



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New York	16	5	.762	—
Miami	14	6	.700	11/2
Atlanta	13	6	.684	2
Chicago	12	9	.571	4
Brooklyn	12	9	.571	4
Boston	12	9	.571	4
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	4 1/2
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	4 1/2
Indiana	11	11	.500	5 1/2
Orlando	8	13	.381	8
Charlotte	7	14	.333	9
Detroit	7	17	.292	10 1/2
Cleveland	5	18	.217	12
Toronto	4	19	.174	13
Washington	3	16	.158	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	18	4	.818	—
San Antonio	18	5	.783	1/2
Memphis	14	5	.737	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	2
Golden State	15	7	.682	3
Utah	13	10	.565	5 1/2
Minnesota	10	9	.526	6 1/2
Dallas	11	11	.500	7
Denver	11	12	.478	7 1/2
Houston	10	11	.476	7 1/2
Portland	9	12	.429	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	9	13	.409	9
Phoenix	8	15	.348	10 1/2
Sacramento	7	14	.333	10 1/2
New Orleans	5	16	.238	12 1/2

Division leaders ranked in top three positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Thursday's results
Charlotte at Atlanta
L.A. Lakers at New York
San Antonio at Portland

Wednesday's results
Brooklyn 94 Toronto 88
Indiana 96 Cleveland 81
Atlanta 86 Orlando 80
Golden State 97 Miami 95
L.A. Clippers 100 Charlotte 94
Chicago 96 Philadelphia 89
Boston 117 Dallas 115 OT
Milwaukee 98 Sacramento 85
Houston 99 Washington 93
Oklahoma City 92 New Orleans 88
Minnesota 108 Denver 105
Phoenix 82 Memphis 80
Utah 99 San Antonio 96

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Golden State at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Golden State at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.

LATE THURSDAY

NETS 94, RAPTORS 88

BROOKLYN (94)

Johnson 7-14 5-6 23, Watson 4-7 4-4 16, Blatche 7-14 0-0 14, Williams 5-16 0-0 12, Humphries 1-1 9-10 11, Evans 3-3 3-4 9, Wallace 2-5 5-11 9, Bogans 0-1 0-0 0, Teletovic 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 26-35 94.

TORONTO (88)

Davis 11-13 2-3 24, Valanciunas 6-6 3-5 15, DeRozan 5-13 0-0 11, Calderon 4-13 0-0 10, Lucas 4-10 1-3 9, Gray 2-4 3-4 7, Ross 3-8 0-0 7, Pietrus 2-8 1-2 5. Totals 37-75 10-17 88.

Brooklyn 20 17 31 26 — 94

Toronto 27 18 19 24 — 88

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-19 (Johnson 4-6, Williams 2-6, Watson 4-4, Teletovic 0-2, Bogans 0-1). Toronto 4-18 (Calderon 2-5, Pietrus 0-5, DeRozan 1-3, Ross 1-3, Lucas 0-2). Rebounds—Brooklyn 38 (Evans 11, Blatche 9, Watson 6, Humphries 2, Bogans 2, Johnson 2, Williams 2, Brooks 2, Wallace 1, Teletovic 1). Toronto 31 (Davis 12, DeRozan 5, Valanciunas 4, Calderon 3, Pietrus 2, Gray 2, Ross 2, Lucas 1). Assists—Brooklyn 20 (Johnson 4). Toronto 21 (Calderon 15). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 16, Toronto 25.

A—18,847. T—2,220

NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	22	215	167	643	29.2
Anthony, NYK	19	180	119	527	27.7
Durant, OKI	22	192	183	601	27.3
James, Mia	20	202	78	510	25.5
Harden, Hou	20	150	160	500	25.0
Westbrook, OKI	22	166	99	465	21.1
Aldridge, POR	20	166	87	419	20.9
Mayo, Dal	22	163	70	460	20.9
Pierce, Bos	21	133	117	418	19.9
Curry, GoS	22	148	75	430	19.5
Gay, Mem	19	137	66	363	19.1
Lee, GoS	22	171	75	417	19.0
Parker, SA	21	161	69	399	19.0
Ellis, Mil	20	137	84	373	18.7
Bosh, Mia	20	134	97	369	18.5
Lillard, POR	21	133	74	387	18.4
Howard, LAL	22	143	118	405	18.4
Holiday, Phi	22	162	58	404	18.4
Griffin, LAC	22	166	67	400	18.2
DeRozan, Tor	23	158	90	417	18.1
Anderson, NO	21	145	22	381	18.1
Deng, Chi	21	142	72	375	17.9
Duncan, SA	22	156	80	394	17.9
Walker, Cha	21	134	81	371	17.7
Randolph, Mem	19	134	66	334	17.6
West, Ind	22	159	67	385	17.5
Jefferson, Uta	22	165	52	383	17.4

Not including last night's games

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At Yokohama, Japan

Thursday's result

Chelsea (England) 3, Monterrey (Mexico) 1

ENGLISH

FA CUP

ROUND

Thursday's results

Hastings United 1, Harrogate Town 1, Hastings United won 5-4 on penalty kicks

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SECOND ROUND				
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AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Worcester	24	12	9	1	2	66	72	27
Providence	22	12	8	0	2	53	61	26
Portland	24	12	10	1	1	74	79	26
Manchester	24	11	10	2	1	68	61	25
St. John's	26	11	14	0	1	59	75	23

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	22	14	4	1	3	79	47	32
Bridgeport	24	11	11	1	1	73	81	24
Connecticut	24	11	11	2	0	71	83	24
Albany	21	8	8	0	5	50	56	21
Adirondack	23	10	12	1	0	59	69	21

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	24	15	6	1	2	88	70	33
Binghamton	21	13	6	1	1	67	52	28
W-B/Scranton	23	13	8	1	1	68	61	28
Hershey	26	13	12	1	0	70	71	27
Norfolk	22	10	12	0	0	63	68	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	24	14	4	3	3	63	48	34
Toronto	23	13	9	0	1	76	65	27
Lake Erie	25	12	11	1	1	74	78	26
Rochester	22	11	9	2	0	72	66	24
Hamilton	21	9	10	1	1	43	64	20

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Grand Rapids	22	13	7	1	1	74	62	28
Rockford	25	13	11	0	1	81	76	27
Chicago	22	10	9	2	1	58	66	23
Milwaukee	23	10	10	2	1	64	70	23
Peoria	24	9	11	2	2	57	82	22

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	25	14	9	0	2	82	71	30
Houston	23	13	7	1	2	76	64	29
Texas	23	12	8	2	1	58	62	25
Oklahoma City	23	11	9	1	2	73	70	25
San Antonio	25	10	12	0	3	66	75	23

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Thursday's results

Rochester at Lake Erie

Hamilton at Chicago

Wednesday's results

Hershey 4 St. John's 0

W-B/Scranton 3 Albany 6

Worcester 1 Connecticut 2

Binghamton 3 Syracuse 4

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.

Manchester at Portland, 7 p.m.

Albany at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Peoria at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.

Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Providence, 7:05 p.m.

Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Saturday's games

Houston at Charlotte, 12 p.m.

Manchester at Adirondack, 7 p.m.

Providence at Albany, 7 p.m.

Portland at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Worcester at Hershey, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.

St. John's at Springfield, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m.

W-B/Scranton at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Hamilton at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.

Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS				
MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Bobby Dickerson third base coach. Agreed to terms with OF Nate McLouth on a one-year contract.				
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Shane Victorino on a three-year contract.				
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Correia on a two-year contract.				
National League				
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with INF Jack Hannahan on a two-year contract.				
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with INF Andres Blanco, INF Josh Fields, LHP Cesar Jimenez, C Steven Lerud, OF Jermaine Michell, INF/OF Michael Martinez, RHP Zach Miner, INF/OF Pete Orr and C Humberto Quintero on minor league contracts.				
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION				
KANSAS CITY T-BONE—Signed RHP Derek McGowan.				
American West Baseball League				
YUMA DESERT RATS—Named Hal McRae manager and Jake Thrower hitting-infield coach.				
FRONTIER LEAGUE				
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed RHP Ja'Vaun West to a contract extension.				
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed RHP Gabe Shaw to a contract extension.				
NFL				
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Vic So'oto to the practice squad.				
TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed TE Brandon Barden from the practice squad. Signed S Suaesi Tuimane to the practice squad.				
CFL				
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed OL Brendan Dunn, DB Teague Sherman and DB Jawann Westerman.				
MLS				
COLUMBUS CREW—Agreed to terms with MF Wil Trapp.				
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Released D Rafa Marquez.				
SPORTING KANSAS CITY—Signed D Yann Songo'o.				
U.S. COLLEGE				
ARKANSAS—Named Sam Pittman offensive line coach.				
RUTGERS—Suspended men's Basketball coach Mike Rice three games and fined him \$50,000 for a violation of department policy.				
SOUTHERN MISS—Granted the release of the athletic scholarship of freshman QB Anthony Alford.				
SPRING HILL—Announced the resignation of men's and women's tennis coach Michael Kreider.				

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	472	274
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	245	306
Miami	5	8	0	.385	240	276
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	289	352
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	11	2	0	.846	365	263
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	292	329
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	271	386
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	216	359
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	331	273
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	278	264
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	321	280
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	259	272
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	3	0	.769	375	257
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	292	281
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	248	402
Kansas City	2	11	0	.154	195	352
x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division.						
WEEK 15						
Thursday's result						
Cincinnati at Philadelphia						
Sunday's games — All Times Eastern						
Washington at Cleveland, 1 p.m.						
Jacksonville at Miami, 1 p.m.						
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.						
N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 1 p.m.						
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.						
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.						
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.						
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.						
Seattle at Buffalo, 4:05 p.m.						
Carolina at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.						
Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.						
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.						
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.						
San Francisco at New England, 8:20 p.m.						
Monday, December 17						
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m.						
GOLF						
AUSTRALIAN PGA						
At Coolool, Australia						
Par: 72						
First Round						
Daniel Popovic, Australia	33-31—64					
Scott Strange, Australia	33-33—66					
Zhang Xinjun, China	35-32—67					
Choo Tze-huang, Singapore	34-33—67					
Geoff Ogilvy, Australia	35-32—67					
Jason Scrivener, Australia	33-35—68					
Ryan Haller, Australia	33-35—68					
Stephen Dartnall, Australia	33-35—68					
Peter Senior, Australia	32-36—68					
Brad Kennedy, Australia	34-35—69					
Aaron Townsend, Australia	34-35—69					
Bronson La'Cassie, Australia	35-34—69					
Mark Leishman, Australia	33-36—69					
Stephen Leaney, Australia	33-36—69					
Steve Conran, Australia	34-35—69					
Adam Bland, Australia	34-35—69					
Josh Geary, New Zealand	34-35—69					
Matthew Griffin, Australia	34-35—69					
Steven Jones, Australia	34-36—70					
Terry Pilikadaris, Australia	32-38—70					
Michael Wright, Australia	35-35—70					
James Nitties, Australia	34-36—70					
Peter Fowler, Australia	35-35—70					
Stuart Appleby, Australia	34-36—70					
Adam Crawford, Australia	35-35—70					
Steven Bowditch, Australia	36-34—70					
Cameron Percy, Australia	38-32—70					
Nick Flanagan, Australia	34-36—70					
Darren Clarke, N Ireland	34-36—70					
Ligh McKechnie, Australia	34-36—70					
Peter Cooke, Australia	36-34—70					
Gavin Flint, Australia	35-35—70					
Jason Kang, United States	34-36—70					
Matthew Guvatt, Australia	34-36—71					
Ashley Hall, Australia	31-40—71					
Anthony Summers, Australia	33-38—71					
Mark Brown, New Zealand	34-37—71					
David Smith, New Zealand	33-38—71					
Jamie Arnold, Australia	36-35—71					
Chris Gaunt, Australia	37-34—71					
Park Hyo-won, South Korea	34-37—71					
Mathew Goggin, Australia	34-37—71					
Richard Green, Australia	36-35—71					
ALFRED DUNHILL CHAMPIONSHIP						
At Malelane, South Africa						
Par 72						
First round						
Gregory Bourdy, France	32-34-66					
Louis de Jager, South Africa	31-36-67					
Oliver Bekker, South Africa	34-33-67					
Steve Webster, England	34-33-67					
Richard Bland, England	34-33-67					
Darren Fichardt, South Africa	33-34-67					
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	32-35-67					
Graeme Storm, England	33-35-68					
Mark Williams, South Africa	35-33-68					
Branden Grace, South Africa	33-35-68					
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	35-33-68					
Ockie Strydom, South Africa	36-33-69					
Richard McEvoy, England	34-35-69					
Robert Rock, England	35-34-69					
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Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you can no longer see the point of something then there is no reason why you should go on wasting time on it. Turn your attention towards more interesting things today, such as your social life and travel.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

No matter how many times you have bet against the odds and won in the past, you are unlikely to fare so well today. Err on the side of caution. Both in your personal life and in your work, you must play it safe.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You seem reluctant to commit yourself to a plan or project that on most other occasions would appeal to you. Most likely your sixth sense is trying to tell you that it's too dangerous to get involved. Heed its warning.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There is a danger that you will push yourself too hard and burn yourself out. Save as much of your physical, mental and emotional energy as you can today and over the weekend. You'll need it early next week.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

What would you do if you knew that you could not fail? Cosmic activity in the sympathetic sign of Sagittarius indicates that your dreams really will come true — if you have the courage to reach for them.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your main task over the next 24 hours is to find a positive outlet for all the emotional energy that has been building up inside you. Activities of a physical nature are an especially good way to let off steam.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It never hurts to let those you love know how much you care for them and you will get the chance to do that today and over the weekend. What you give out now will come back to you later many times over.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The planets suggest the efforts you make now will pay off in a big way around the middle part of next week. The powers that be have not forgotten you, but it doesn't hurt to remind them what you can do.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You will fight with all your powers to get what it is you desire today and you won't take no for an answer. Your rivals will sense how serious you are and, for the most part, move aside rather than take you on.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Your career plans are more likely to succeed if you keep your aims to yourself, at least for the next few days. The more you let rivals know what it is you desire, the easier you make it for them to deny you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may have a different outlook and a different way of doing things to a colleague but ultimately you share the same goal, so find ways you can work together. Your differences can make you both stronger and more effective.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

What happens today and over the weekend will open your eyes to new possibilities and make you realize how much more is possible. Banish negative thinking in all its forms — there's no need for it at all. **SALLY BROMPTON**

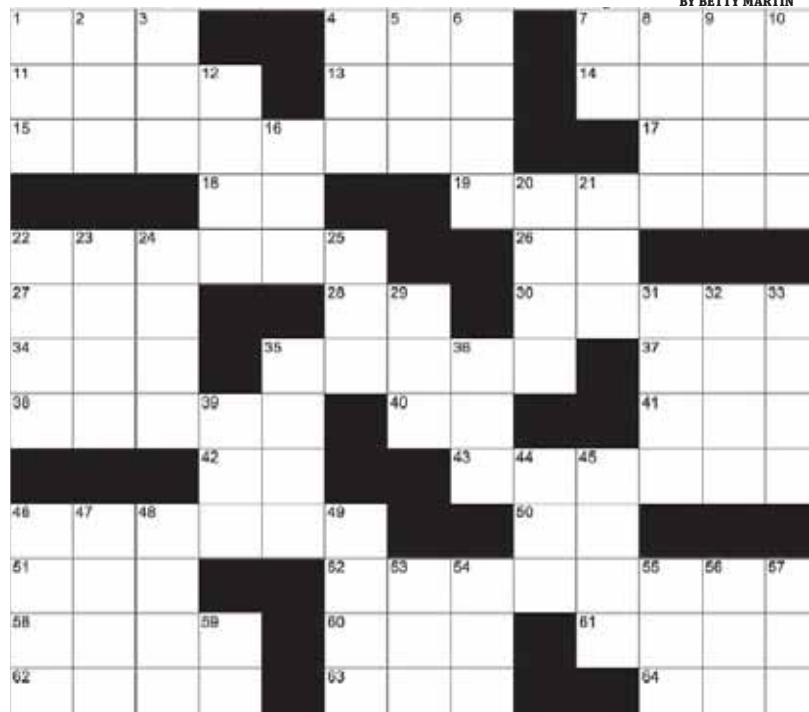
Crossword

Across

1. When Paris sizzles
4. Provoke
7. Red Muppet
11. Peeples and Vardalos
13. Actress — Dawn Chong
14. — to Avonlea
15. Trigger
17. The Plastic — Band
18. Sha — Na
19. Decent
22. Scope
26. — lieu of
27. Summer attire
28. — Elsewhere
30. Geeks
34. Ortiz of Ugly Betty
35. Garden pest
37. Important time
38. Elegant shop
40. Modern Family actor
41. Ziering of Beverly Hills, 90210
42. Providence state
43. Citrus fruit
46. Anderson of Baywatch
50. Plural suffix
51. Exist
52. Like some brides
58. Irritate
60. Cartoon shriek
61. Lake near Buffalo
62. Darrin's boss on Bewitched
63. Trash bag closer
64. Right angle shape

Down

1. Disney doe
2. Spasm
3. Snack
4. Writer Levin
5. Alley rodent
6. Hang on to
7. Night time drama starring Noah Wyle
8. Noose



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9. Lion's locks

10. Smell

12. Without

16. Moving vehicle

20. Coat that gets tossed

21. — Life to Live

22. Airport postings, for short

23. Princess warrior of TV

24. Shade of blue

25. Recipe abbr.

29. What's — use?

31. Harness strap

32. Trail

33. Lucid

35. Shrub

36. Wedding words

39. Mineral

44. Matter, in law

45. Tennis great Arthur

46. Actor's quest

47. Diva's solo

48. Thaw

49. Promote, as criminal intent

53. Flower garland

54. Hawaiian instrument (abbr.)

55. Tick off

56. Zip

57. Harden

59. Star of CHiPs (init.)

Yesterday's Crossword



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7	8	5	4	2	1	9	6	3
9	4	2	6	7	3	8	1	5
1	6	3	9	5	8	4	2	7
2	1	7	8	4	9	5	3	6
8	3	6	5	1	2	7	9	4
5	9	4	3	6	7	1	8	2

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7	8			4				
6				1			5	

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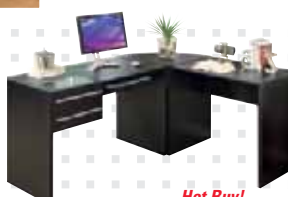
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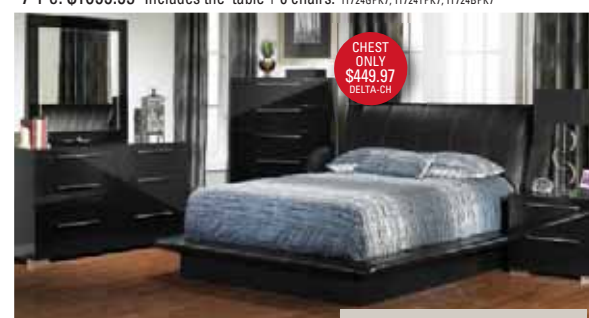
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